

RICE RETAIL SALES IN GOVERNMENT MARKET

Reminders

Today

RAF Association Luncheon, Jacobson Room, 11K Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, talk on "The Cause, Treatment and Prevention of Cancer" by Dr. Woo Kai-fan Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Men's Club Luncheon, Hotel Garden, 11K Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
The Burmese, variety entertainment, for Troops, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
11K Union Church ladies guild meeting, Helena May Institute, 3 p.m.
St. Andrew's Badminton Night, Church hall, 7.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
11K Light Orchestra Singers rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 7.30 p.m.
SATURDAY
Social Evening at Headquarters Land Forces, Sergeants' Mess, Queen's Road, East, 8.30 p.m.
European YMCA Beach picnic, Silverstrand beach, 2.30 p.m.
Diocesan Boys' School Choral Concert for Servicemen, 8.15 p.m.

Summer School Closes

The Teachers' Summer School at the Catholic Regional Seminary, Aberdeen, closed yesterday when further lectures were given to primary school teachers.

Following a lecture during yesterday's morning session by Mr. Wong Tak-fai, Prefect of Studies at Wah Yan College, Mr. D. J. S. Crozier, of the Education Department, proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

He congratulated Mr. Wong on the time, care and great thought that he had devoted to preparing his address, and congratulated the students of the Summer School on being privileged to listen to an address so helpful for their work.

Mr. Crozier said that he was impressed by the enthusiasm shown by the teachers for the course as he believed that it was the mark of a good teacher always to be working to be a better one, and of a bad teacher to be satisfied to remain as he is.

In the name of all the teachers present he expressed gratitude to Mr. Crozier, S. J., for enabling them to improve their work by what they were learning at the Summer School.

"Such a course is particularly useful in helping us to realise that we are members of a great profession. In our hands rests the responsibility not only of instructing children, but also of teaching them how to use their knowledge, of teaching them how to distinguish what is true from what is false. We are much indebted to Mr. Wong for the help he has given us today," he concluded.

Second Storey Work Afloat

Yu Yiu, aged 20, unemployed, of the hillside above Tai Fu Street, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for stealing by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

The prosecution told the court that at 2.15 p.m. on Tuesday, defendant was found searching in a desk in the cabin of Mr. Chin Pak-tung, second engineer of the ss. Empire Jantien.

Defendant had entered the cabin by breaching the crash panel at the bottom of the cabin door. When defendant climbed out of the broken crash panel, complainant tried to detain him but was struck by defendant with a paint scraper. Defendant then tried to escape, but was stopped by Li Tai, ship watchman No. 15.

During the scuffle, complainant saw a small chromium-plated clock falling out of defendant's clothes.

Defendant was also found in possession of an Indian halfpenny, an English threepenny piece, the property of another officer of the ship.

A suitcase and two desk drawers in complainant's cabin were found opened. Eight local notes of \$1.00 denomination, and eight ten-cent notes were found scattered on the floor.

Defendant had no previous record. The goods were ordered to be returned to their respective owners.

TELEPHONE CONTROL

The Telecommunications Administration Ordinance No. 1949, which empowers Government to control telephone communications, as a security measure, was passed last night.

To ensure that the public will benefit from any sale of cheap Government rice, stalls will be opened in Government markets in future for retail sale, said Mr. J. F. Nicoll, the Colonial Secretary, in Legislative Council yesterday.

Mr. Nicoll was answering questions asked by Mr. T. N. Chau in regard to criticisms in the Press over price of Government rice, and unavailability of cheap stock rice to the public from recent Government releases.

In a long statement explaining Government's position regarding the rice ration and rice supplies, Mr. Nicoll said: "The Colony receives an allocation of rice from the International Emergency Food Committee and these allocations come almost exclusively from Burma and Siam. The prices we have to pay for these supplies are outside our control, but we have undoubtedly benefited in the past from the negotiations made on our behalf and on behalf of other Colonies by the British Ministry of Food."

"Bulk purchases are made by the Ministry for us, and the price we have to pay is agreed in advance for periods of six months. Both Siam and Burma impose export duties on rice. It is reckoned that the cost of 15 per cent broken Siam White Rice, which is one of the better grades we receive and is used to meet the rice ration, is \$51.28 a picul inclusive of all charges into the godowns in the Colony and the allowing for an average of six months' storage charges."

"To this must be added 46 cents per picul for freight charges from Siam to Hong Kong, and for weighing out the bags when the rice is issued. The final cost is thus \$51.72 a picul."

"The rice is then distributed on behalf of Government by the firm of Wing Wo Hing to more than 150 retail ration shops. The distributor's gross commission is 90 cents a picul, or below two per cent of the cost. The retailer's commission is 52 a picul or under four per cent. These are very reasonable margins on which to work at they have to cover overheads as well as profits."

Basis For Price

"The cost analysis on which these figures are based involve a few items which can only be estimated, such as storage charges and the cost of landing and lightage. These particular figures perhaps err on the side of caution. But in practice it has been found that prior to the year 1947-48 Government just about covered what it expended on rice and it is not anticipated that future accounts will show any different result. It is on the basis of these figures and similar calculations for other grades of Siamese and Burmese rice, that the ration price of 54 cents a picul has been arrived at."

"Free market rice is imported freely by merchants and is able to market fluctuations in price. It consists of a variety of grades and qualities but the most popular and the one which is in greatest demand is the Siam White Rice. This grade normally sells at a retail price below the retail price of ration rice, and one effect of this has been that, over the past twelve months, the ration rice has only been about 30 per cent above the free market rice, except for two short periods, one in April and again at the end of May and beginning of June."

"The period in April, during which the free market price was high and short, and though preparations were made to take remedial action, the plant could not be put into effect before the price again fell. The next rise in prices began in May, and on the 10th of that month about 10,000 bags of Government rice were issued to retailers through the Rice Merchants' Association and the Rice Importers' Association. The Rice Merchants' Association, Mr. Chin, said, is considered fully representative of the trade."

Various Grades

"Various grades of Government rice were made available for retail sale at \$57.00, \$58.70 and \$59.00 a picul. "Complaints were received that this rice was not reaching the public, so when a second issue of nearly 11,000 bags was made on May 20 it was arranged that Members of the Associations should render daily stock and sales returns."

"At the same time, the Associations were prompted by Government to announce that whole bags would be sold direct by their members to individual consumers. There was little response to this offer and in fact only 35 bags were disposed of in this way."

"The effect of these issues was to bring down the free market price, and by June 3 it was \$52.00 a picul, under which price it has with very slight fluctuations, remained. Further issues could not be made, so long as the ration price was at or below \$50.00 a picul. It is estimated that the free market price of rice is now at a low level, and the various grades of Government rice such as 100 per cent broken, the whole in the open market, are working at a profit."

"The suggestion may be made that the free market price should be controlled. This is undesirable so long as free market supplies are plentiful because a maximum controlled price would tend to keep up the cost to consumers so long as the natural price is below the price of rationed rice."

"On the other hand, when the natural price of free market rice rises, statutory control would keep supplies away. No, could an effective controlled price be worked out because of the large numbers of varieties and grades of rice available. Different prices for different grades would only result in the grades being mixed and control being evaded."

"Pump Priming"

"It is more effective to 'pump prime' the free market with Government stocks and thereby force down the market price."

"Government is aware that this method of 'pump priming' involves a time-lag of some days before it can be effective and steps are being taken to ensure that any future rise in the free market price will be met by swift releases of Government stocks."

"To ensure greater effectiveness of such measures, stalls will be opened in Government markets where space is available for direct retail sales to the public. It is also proposed to reconsider the analysis of costs on which the price of ration rice is based to see whether any reduction can be made, but I cannot hold out much hope of relief on this score."

"We are dependent to a very large extent on factors outside our control. These are the f.o.b. prices in Siam and Burma. It is not possible to abandon these countries as sources of supply for we cannot rely on the continuity or the adequate volume of supplies from elsewhere."

"The Hong Kong dollar equivalent of French francs for the payment of duty on toilet preparations and proprietary medicines shall henceforth be the official rate of exchange at the date of embarkation instead of the present rate of 54 francs to the dollar."

This resolution was adopted by Legislative Council yesterday on the motion of the Financial Secretary, Mr. C. G. S. Follows.

Fire Alarm



In the event of fire, residents will be able to call out the Fire Brigade by using this roadside fire alarm system. Erection of 50 standard alarm boxes has been completed in the Central District. Cable and Wireless, in charge of the installation, expect to have the system working within two weeks. ("China Mail" Photo).

New Fire Alarm System

Hong Kong is now being equipped with a new and completely up-to-date fire alarm system which will be put into operation, first in the Central District, in a fortnight or so. Cable and Wireless Limited who are installing the system for Government, have been pushing the work ahead in an endeavour to complete the whole system by the end of the year.

When completed there will be 50 alarm standards in Hong Kong and 50 on the mainland. The erection of the standards in the street corners has aroused no little curiosity among the populace.

The installation engineers, interviewed by the "China Mail," would not describe the working of the new system, until the system was actually working in the central district, in order to avoid interference by irresponsible people.

SENTENCED FOR ASSAULT

A scaffolding constructor, Yan Yu, of 52, Shanghai Street was sentenced by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday to four months' imprisonment for assaulting a tram conductor.

Inspector Dewar, prosecuting, told the court that on July 19, the complainant, Lum Man-kwong, who was a conductor in the third class compartment of a tram, accidentally pushed against the defendant.

Defendant became angry, took out a knife and slashed at the conductor on the left wrist.

Suspects Allege They Were Beaten By Police

Allegations that they were beaten up by the police during their detention and forced to make certain statements admitting their guilt were made by two accused on trial before Mr. Justice Williams, senior Puisne Judge, yesterday.

The men are Wong Piu, alias Lo Shing, and Chan King-san.

They are being tried before a jury of four men and three women on charges of robbery, possession of arms, and ammunition, conspiracy to rob, and possession of arms.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, is conducting the case for the prosecution assisted by Detective Sub-inspector J. R. Sykes. Wong and Chan are not legally represented and conducted their own defence.

It is alleged by the prosecution that both men on March 25 took part in an armed robbery at a goldsmith's in Johnston Road, Wan-chai, where 19 gold rings, 60 gold bangles and 12 pairs of gold earrings were looted.

The two were further alleged to have conspired together on April 30 to rob the Cheung Hong Watch Shop of 137 Des Voeux Road Central, and having arms for that purpose in their possession.

It was alleged that the men conspired to take the watch shop on the robbery of Johnston Road. Wong and Chan were taken away from the watch shop by the police on April 30. Wong was taken to the police station and Chan was taken to the hospital. Wong was released on bail and Chan was released on bail. Wong was released on bail and Chan was released on bail.

Revenue Reward Fund Approved By Council

The establishment of a Revenue Reward Fund, to control the receipt of proceeds from sale of confiscated contraband and fines, and payments of rewards to informers, was approved by Legislative Council yesterday.

It was stipulated that payment of rewards to informers should not in any one case exceed HK\$250 without the consent of the Financial Secretary, and is not to exceed HK\$10,000 without the consent of the Standing Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

It was also stipulated that in any application to the Financial Secretary or to the Council the name of the informer need not be disclosed.

Explaining to Council the necessity for the establishment of the Fund, the Financial Secretary, Mr. C. G. S. Follows, said:

"For many years before the war a Revenue Reward Fund was in existence, into which were paid the proceeds of sale of confiscated goods and fines inflicted for revenue offences, and out of which were paid rewards to informers whose information led to seizures or confiscations. When the balance of the fund exceeded a certain figure, the excess is transferred to Revenue, but in some years before the war money had to be voted to prevent the balance from falling too low."

"Recently the Director of Audit pointed out that the operations of the fund were now on a much larger scale than was the case before the war. In these circumstances he considered that, although the authority of the Secretary of State for the Colonies for the establishment of the fund must no doubt have been obtained many years ago, such approval should now be confirmed in view of the greatly increased scale of operations."

"As a result of these representations by the Director of Audit the matter was referred to the Secretary of State who considers that the present arrangements ensure adequate control by the executive though they do not of themselves provide the same degree of control by the Legislature as would be the case if all receipts from the sale of confiscated goods were brought to account and revenue, and all payments of rewards were charged to an appropriate sub-head of expenditure."

"The Secretary of State said, however, that the adoption of such a system would jeopardise the speed of payments and the secrecy of transactions he would be prepared to agree to the continuance of the present arrangement, provided that the authority of Legislative Council was obtained and that an annual statement of the Fund was laid before the Council."

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

A. MORSE,
Chief Manager
Hong Kong, July 12, 1949.

NOTICE

The Club Lusitano and the Portuguese Institute of Hong Kong have the pleasure of inviting all the members of the Portuguese Community of Hong Kong to attend a lecture by Mr. Armando de Aguiar which will take place at the Club Lusitano on Thursday, July 21, at 8 p.m., on the subject of his voyage round the world.

Mr. Aguiar is writing a book about the World travelled by the Portuguese.

NOTICE

WATER SUPPLY

The public is hereby notified that until further notice a full supply of water will be given in all districts except Stanley.

ANDREW NICOL,
Acting Director of Public Works.
Hong Kong, July 19, 1949.

INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE

PROPERTY TAX

Owners of land and/or buildings wherever situate in the Colony of Hong Kong are reminded that Property Tax for the Year of Assessment 1949/50 is payable not later than noon, Saturday, July 30, 1949 as under:

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Buyer Claims Right To Reject Goods Not Up To Specification

A contention that a buyer had a right to reject goods under contract that were not up to specification upon delivery, was made by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. d'Almada, who opened the case for the defence yesterday afternoon in the action for a claim and counter-claim before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, quoted numerous legal authorities at length in support of his submission. The claim, damages of HK\$17,633 and costs, was brought by the Kian Guan Company (China) Limited of Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building against the China Union Trading Company, of Alexander Building.

Plaintiffs claim that on March 7, 1949, by a contract in writing between plaintiffs and defendants, defendants agreed to buy from plaintiffs 50 tons of new mild steel black sheet cuttings at £275 (per ton of 1,015 kilos, at c.i.f., cost, insurance and freight) contract.

The defendants, it is claimed, in breach of contract and without lawful excuse, failed to pay the balance of the contract price, and take delivery of the goods.

Defendants, lodging a counter-claim for £24,940.55, allege that plaintiffs were the one in breach of the contract in that they had tendered goods which were not contracted for, whereby defendants have suffered damage.

Mr. d'Almada for the defence is instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva. Plaintiffs are represented by Mr. B. A. Bernachi instructed by Mr. D. B. Evens of Johnson Stokes and Master.

Tham Kien-bone, manager of the plaintiff firm, testified as to the contract entered into between the firm and the defendants.

Exact Gauge

Tham stated that, commercially speaking, it would not be possible to supply 50 tons of cuttings all of an exact gauge. At a sale of cuttings it was always understood that if a greater portion of the goods on arrival were found to be correct, the buyer of the goods would have to take delivery of that portion.

For the portion that is incorrect and not up to specification, he continued, a surveyor would be engaged to determine the allowance from that portion. Tham went on to say that in 1947, delivery of goods from Hong Kong to Shanghai was practically impossible due to import restrictions enforced in Shanghai. It was, however, possible to export metals to Shanghai by shipping the goods first to Canton and from there to Shanghai. But on June 30, 1947, the Canton authorities also clamped down restrictions on imports from Hong Kong.

The effects of these restrictions, witness went on, was that the price of steel products in Hong Kong dropped very noticeably. In July, 1947, the price of mild steel cuttings in retail price was \$60 per ton.

Mr. d'Almada, cross-examining, suggested to witness that the price of cuttings in July was \$75 and not \$60 as stated. Tham replied in the negative to this suggestion, asserting that, when the defendants failed to collect the delivery of the goods, he himself made extensive inquiries as to the definite price of these goods. Asked if his contract with a Belgian firm in Europe for the steel cuttings was for new ones, witness asserted that the contract between himself and the Belgian firm did not stipulate that the steel cuttings in question were to be new. This kind of thing was, however, never stipulated at all, as everything supplied to a buyer was supposed to be new. This was the custom of contracts, he added.

Few Permits

Tham admitted that during the period when Shanghai started its restrictions on imports from Hong Kong some permits could however be obtained, but the number of these were very few.

Fung Wai, proprietor of the Hip Cheong firm, of 635 Shanghai Street, iron and steel merchant, called to give expert evidence on the matter of steel cuttings, told the court that when certain cuttings arrived in Hong Kong under contract, assuming that part of the cargo was not up to specification, the custom was that the correct portion had to be taken by the buyer. The other portion not up to specification was then left to the surveyors, who would make a survey and report, and fix the price for it.

After that, witness went on, the buyer had to take delivery of that portion according to the price given by the surveyor. Opening the case for the defence, Mr. d'Almada told the court that this case was a very simple one in that, if the goods were not conforming with the description, the buyer was entitled to reject them. There is no question of specification as to the word "about" he declared, then quoted numerous

Statement On Requisitioning

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"It is a fact that a very few properties have been requisitioned which were occupied by residents. Such requisitioning, which has occurred mainly in the New Territories, was unavoidable because accommodation is required for troops which have to be posted to areas in which no suitable unoccupied premises exist and where no military buildings could be constructed in the time available.

"It is also the fact that residents so affected have been told that it is not feasible to requisition premises for their accommodation because such action would in present circumstances entail the dispossession of other persons.

"Judging from figures relating to the submission of plans for building for the months of April, May and June there is no indication that there has been any falling off in the preliminary arrangements for the construction of new buildings.

"Dissection in the work on buildings which have already been started is difficult to assess but Government is not aware of any cases on which work has been stopped solely on account of the requisitioning programme.

"The requirements still to be met by requisitioning as at present known to Government entail provision of accommodation for some 250 military personnel in Kowloon and a small number in Hong Kong. In addition a general hospital is required and this was fully discussed in the Press Release to which I have already referred.

"Government also anticipates that it will be necessary to obtain further accommodation in the New Territories by the requisitioning of several more houses.

"I hope that Hon. Members will understand that it is regrettable not possible to give an assurance of the nature proposed (desirable as it might be from their points of view), because military requirements in the future cannot be accurately forecast.

"Unless some unforeseen eventuality occurs, it is perhaps safe to say that the worst phase of this difficult undertaking is now over, and that before many months have passed, as construction by the Military Authorities develops, it will be possible to begin the release of the buildings now held, so that they may again be available for the purposes for which they were intended.

"I may perhaps add in this connection that proposals are being examined to permit of the payment of compensation for new buildings which have been or which may hereafter be taken under requisition at rates which will approximate to the rateable value of such buildings.



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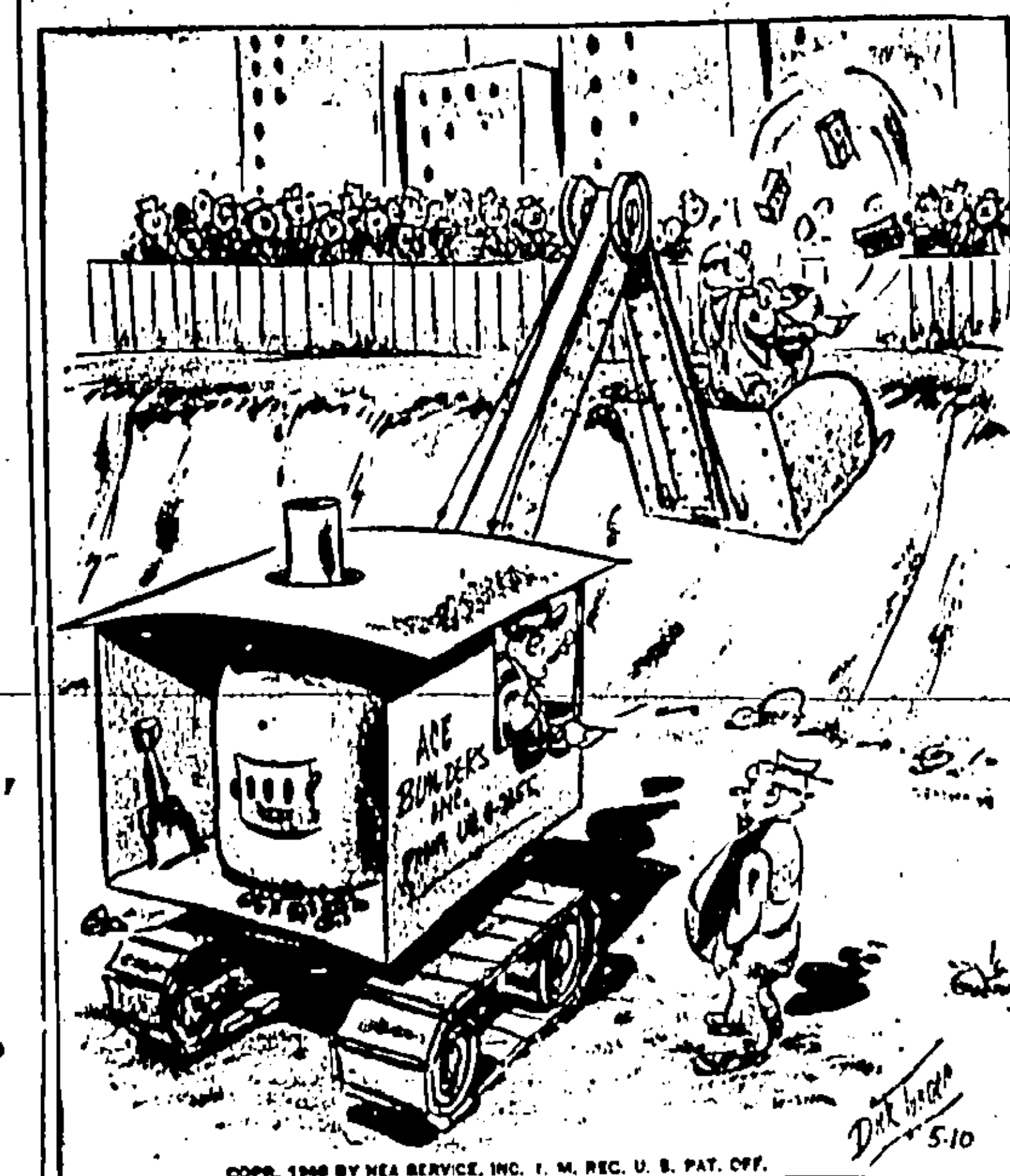
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S Q 3
H 4 3
D K Q 9 5
C A J 10 8 6
S 10 7 2
H 10 8 5
D J 10 4
C K 5 3 2
S A K J 9 5 4
H A 9 8
D 8 7
C 7 4

(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable).

West North East South
1 H Pass 1 S
2 C Pass 2 S
3 D Pass 3 NT

People who played this deal at spades made game, losing only one trick each in hearts, diamonds and clubs, without particular trouble. The No Trump declarer, however, who hoped he could take the same number of tricks as the spade player and thereby, outscore them, did not have a chance after West opened the heart K.

South promptly counted up and saw that he could get six tricks in spades and two more with the clubs and hearts. To score another, he had to try either diamonds or clubs, hoping that West could not regain the lead to run his hearts. To aid in this plan, he held up his A until the third round of hearts, scored his six spades, then led a club, putting in the 10. The K had now been silly enough to return another club, the contract and extra tricks would have been a cinch. Or if East held the diamond A, it would have been easy. But West had that vital card, and East led the J toward it. West of course came in with the A and then ran the two hearts he had saved. As a consequence the defenders set the contract two tricks, one more than would have been the case if South had been willing to take the one-trick punishment which was virtually automatic.

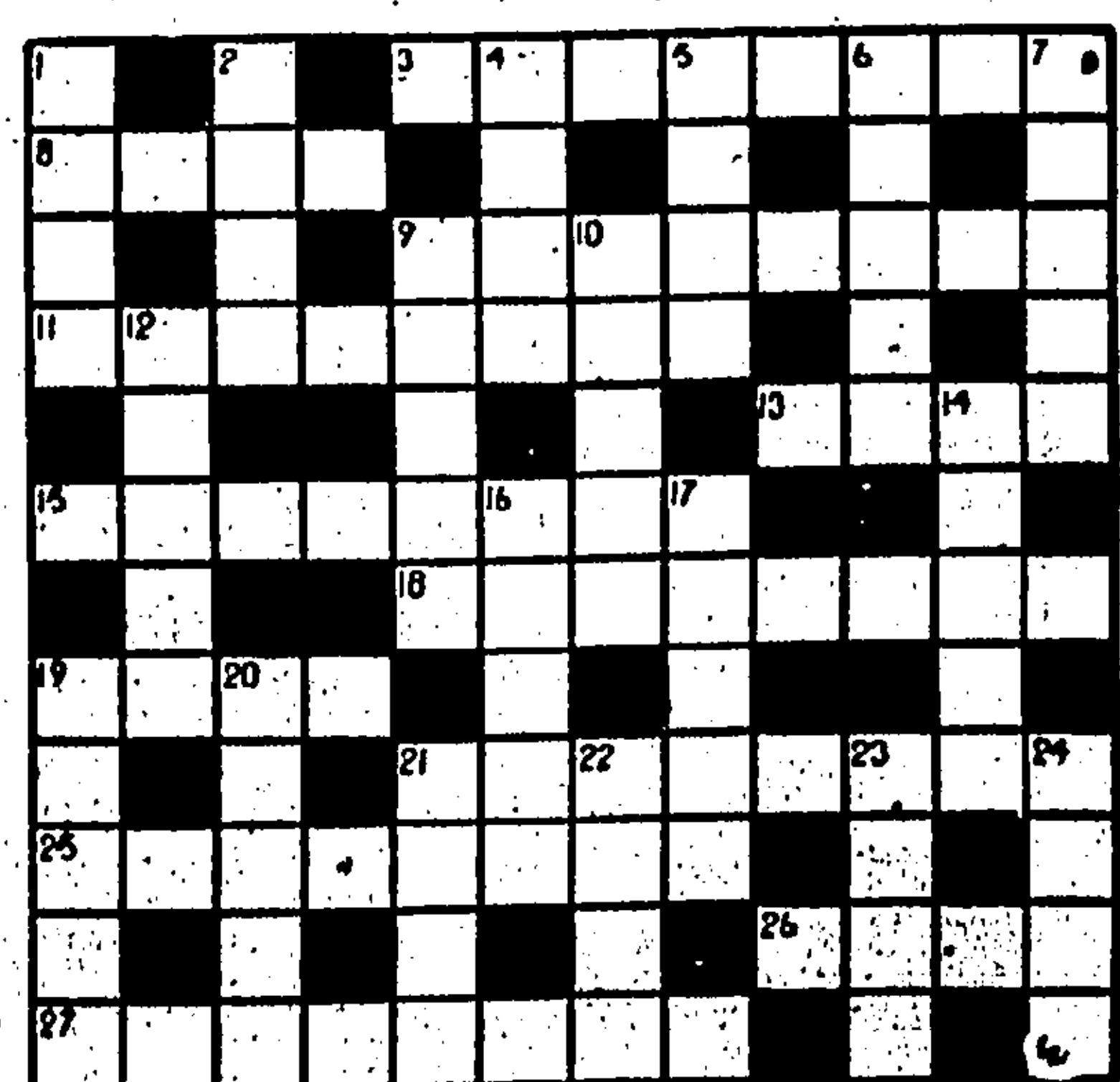
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Tomorrow's Problem
S A 8 7
H 10 8 7 5 2
D 2
C Q 8 7 3
S K Q 10
H 9 6
D J 10 7 3
C A 9
S 3 2
H A K J
D K 5
C J 10 6
5 4
S J 5 4
H Q 4 3
D A Q 8 4
C K 2

(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable).

After the fortunate break of the heart 3 lead, how should East seek 3-No Trumps?

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Across

3 Stirred. 18 Orgy.
8 Responsibility. 19 Cause.
10 Ingredients. 21 Turned round.
11 Muse. 25 Ponder.
13 Jug. 28 Stratagem.
15 Looks down on. 27 Unexpectedly.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across:—1. Taffy. 4. Train. 7. Altitude. 8. Bousquet. 9. Enticed. 11. Emerald. 13. Sincere. 15. Direct. 18. Allot. 19. Rollpass. 20. Audit. 21. Delude.

Down

1 Shape. 14 Valiant.
2 Regretted. 16 Rescued.
4 Festive occasion. 17 Sedate.
5 Book. 19 Discharges.
6 Dance. 20 Possessed.
7 Dark. 21 Frollic.
9 Moral. 22 Most.
10 Anaesthetic. 23 Avoid.
12 Oust. 24 Exploit.

Down:—1. Trace. 3. Idiot. 5. Founder. 4. Treble. 6. Accurate. 8. Needed. 10. Annulled. 12. Meddled. 13. Stanzas. 14. Extent. 16. Repel. 17. Taste.

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EARL TO MARRY PIANIST

London, July 19. The Earl of Harewood, aged 20, music loving nephew of the King, is to marry Miss Marion Stein, aged 22, a talented Austrian-born pianist.

For the past two months there had been rumours of an impending engagement. The Earl is the elder son of the Princess Royal and 11th in succession to the Throne.

Miss Stein lives with her parents in London. Her father, Erwin Stein, came to England from Austria and is employed by a firm of London music publishers.

The couple first met at the Aldeburgh Musical Festival last year, where they were introduced by Benjamin Britten, the composer. Since then, they have been seen attending opera performances.

Lord Harewood has an extensive knowledge of music, especially of opera, which he studied while he was a prisoner of war in Italy. He was wounded and captured by the Germans in 1944.

He has been opera editor of the magazine "Ballad and Opera" and last May was appointed opera critic of "The New Statesman," a leading left wing weekly.

As the Earl of Harewood is in the direct line of succession to the Throne, he must have the formal consent of the King-in-Council before he may legally marry. The King will give his consent at a special meeting of the Privy Council.—Reuter.

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Batavia, July 19. Indonesian Federalist and Republican representatives will meet in the Republican capital of Jogjakarta tomorrow for the first session of the inter-Indonesian conference to set up the future United States of Indonesia.

One problem facing the conference is the continued guerilla warfare raging throughout parts of Java and Sumatra. Considerable difficulties are foreseen in trying to persuade scattered Republican units to cease fire.

The Republican Information Minister, Mr. Mohammad Natsir, told the Dutch News Agency here recently that a cease-fire order certainly would be issued, but he doubted whether it would be effective.

Republican sources in Jogjakarta forecast changes in the Republican Cabinet, suggesting that a sub-Government might be set up for Java and Sumatra under a supreme Cabinet in Jogjakarta. This first session of the conference, which is expected to last three days, will be attended by 65 Federalist representatives, all of whom left here today by plane. It is understood that the Republicans will have at least 21 representatives at the talks.

The conference will hold its second session in Batavia, starting on July 30. Three members of the United Nations Commission to Indonesia, who have to some extent guided the peace talks with the Dutch, are flying to Jogjakarta tomorrow, but it is said that their visit will be concerned solely with cease-fire arrangements.

Aim Of Talks
The plan for the formation of the United States of Indonesia is expected to get its finishing touches in Batavia, and delegates will then leave for The Hague.

A suggestion that only one joint delegation should go to The Hague is regarded in Republican political circles as impracticable. The aim of the conference will be to reach the broadest possible measure of agreement on main principles for the transfer of sovereignty for the Republic and for the proposed Union of a free United States of Indonesia with the Dutch.

In Jogjakarta today the Working Committee of the Provisional Parliament of the Indonesian Republic heard a vigorous two-hour speech by the Prime Minister, Mr. Mohammad Hatta, in defence of the negotiations which led to the Van Royen-Roem agreement.

Dr. Hatta told critics that, despite the sufferings and sacrifices which the people are still undergoing, the position of the Republic internationally has become stabilized and even strengthened.

No Evacuation
To those who had been sceptical of the cease-fire, Dr. Hatta said: "Remember the end of hostilities and negotiations for the achievement of our goal of independence were recommended by the Security Council in its January resolution which we accepted."

"We have to implement it even if we do not agree with it wholly," Dr. Hatta added. "We must issue a cease-fire order, but in doing so we must ensure that no disadvantage accrues to us in working out details."

There is no question, he said, of Republican forces evacuating the pockets they hold outside the rest of Jogjakarta in Java and Sumatra.

He hopes that the Dutch and Republican forces will be able to maintain peace and order in their respective areas while the Hague conference negotiates the transfer of sovereignty.

He also claimed that as a result of the Roem-Royen agreement the old Dutch demand for the liquidation of the Republican Army had been given up, which was a victory for the Indonesians.

First Step
Recommending the path outlined at The Hague Conference for the peaceful transfer of sovereignty, Dr. Hatta said that the restoration of the Republic is only the first step to restore Republican territory as envisaged in the Roem-Royen agreement. This recognised Republican control in Java, Sumatra and Madura.

The ultimate Republic, he said, will prefer the original pattern of the United States of Indonesia envisaged in the Lingardjati agreement under which there were to be three autonomous units constituting the United States of Indonesia: Borneo, East Indonesia and the Republic.

Dr. Hatta added, however, that if the Constituent Assembly to be convened after the transfer of power decides on a different plan the Republic will have to abide by the wishes of the people. This remark is interpreted as meaning that if the Federalist States secure enough popular support there may be a larger number of autonomous States in the United States of Indonesia.

The Federalist States recognised at present are South and East Sumatra, Pasundan in West Java, East Java, East Indonesia, Madura and Borneo.—Reuter.

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Typhoon Toll In Kyushu: 38 Dead

Tokyo, July 20. Delayed reports of Typhoon Faye fatalities reached National Rural Police Headquarters here today, raising to 38 the number of dead. The week-end storm swept only Kyushu island and part of Shikoku.

Police records show 13 persons still missing, 17 injured, 16 fishing boats missing, 393 houses destroyed, 6,455 houses flooded and 28 bridges destroyed.—Associated Press.

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Abetz' Threats To Strangle Reynaud

Paris, July 19. Otto Abetz, Hitler's Ambassador to Paris during the war, "threatened to strangle me with his own hands," the former French Prime Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, told a War Crimes Court.

Abetz faces charges of complicity in murder, mass deportations, torture and looting, which may carry the death penalty.

M. Reynaud said that Abetz had inspired three attempts to have himself and M. Georges Mandel, former Minister of the Interior, shot. The first attempt resulted in Mandel and himself being condemned to life imprisonment.

Abetz proposed, said M. Reynaud, to have M. Leon Blum (the French Socialist leader), Mandel and himself transferred from German custody to that of the Vichy Government, "and Vichy would do the necessary."

Unfortunately, part of the plan succeeded and M. Mandel was shot at the roadside near Paris while being taken to a Vichy prison.

"I do not know why in the case of M. Blum and myself Vichy did not do the necessary," the former Premier added.

Another witness, M. Jean Tracow, formerly Marshal Petain's chief secretary, said that at Vichy "we congratulated ourselves every day" on the fact that Abetz was the German Ambassador.

Witness stated that M. Pierre Laval, who was executed after the war, said frequently: "It is a good thing Abetz is here. He is 100 per cent for us."—Reuter.

INDONESIA HAS PRIORITY IN DEFENCE PLANS

The Hague, July 19. Holland will place Indonesia's interests before those of the Western hemisphere in her present military defence plan.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. Dirk U. Stikker, told the Netherlands Lower House of Parliament this today during a debate on the Atlantic Pact.

The House approved the Pact by 45 votes to seven, Communist members dissenting. Twenty-eight members were absent.

Dr. Stikker said that should the Netherlands have to choose on which territory she must first concentrate her forces, Dutch responsibility towards the Indonesian peoples would weigh heavily for the time being.

Replying to criticism made by some members of British and American embassies on the delivery of arms to Indonesia, Dr. Stikker said:—

Not Holland's Fault
"If, contrary to justice and reason, some countries take economic or political measures against parts of our territory and this prevent us from doing what is essential to the security and development of our overseas territories, it will not be the Netherlands which is to blame but the governments of those countries."

DISPUTE OVER A SOPRANO

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SETTLEMENT HOPE IN AUSSIE STRIKE

Sydney, July 19.

Australian miners on the Northern coalfields are expected tomorrow to call for mass meetings at which they will vote on whether to end their nation-wide strike.

This strike is now in its fourth week.

BRITISH SCIENCE SUCCESS

London, July 19. British scientists have found a very promising substitute for kerosene oil from a weed grown in West Africa, Lord Hankey told the House of Lords today.

Lord Hankey, who is Chairman of the Colonial Products Research Council, said that a group of scientists had produced this very valuable oil.

Work on development of the oil is being carried out. One difficulty is that though the oil can be got from the weed, which is known as *Carpidium Conophorum*, it does not follow that the weed can be grown as a crop.

Another discovery in the oil group is a very promising rubber which will be a by-product of the rubber industry, he said. This has been proved scientifically.

Unfortunately, its development has been held up by the unsettled conditions in Malaya. Lord Hankey was speaking in a debate on colonial development.—Reuter.

Horror In Russian Zone Camp

Berlin, July 19.

The British-licensed newspaper, "Sozial Demokrat", quoting a former inmate of Stalag 13, said today that 12,000 people had died in the camp between October, 1936, and the spring of 1949.

He told the newspaper that many prisoners had committed suicide by flinging themselves on the electrically charged wire surrounding the camp.

The concentration camp is maintained by the Soviet authorities for the imprisonment of German political "undesirables."

Of 27,000 people, including women and children, detained in the camp in that time, only 1,463 prisoners were released, he said.

Transports left for the Soviet Union on Tuesdays and Fridays, he added.—Reuter.

Vatican City, July 19. Pope Pius XII today received Monsignor Thomas Joseph Toolen, Archbishop of Mobile, Alabama, in private audience.—Reuter.

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Inquiry Into Wages Of Rail Workers

London, July 19.

Sir John Forster, Chairman of the British National Arbitration Tribunal, a lawyer with a long experience in industrial disputes, is to preside over the Board of Conciliation which will enquire into the wages and conditions of British railroad employees. The Board has the task of finding a settlement which will satisfy nearly 500,000 railroad workers whose main claim is for a 10 shillings weekly wage increase.—Reuter.

KASHMIR: PROGRESS REPORTED

Karachi, July 19.

Military representatives of India and Pakistan here today reached a general agreement on the major part of a cease-fire line in the disputed State of Kashmir. It was authoritatively learned tonight.

Outstanding points of difference, however, remain to be settled. Meetings are being held here under the auspices of the United Nations Kashmir Commission to try to reach an agreement on the exact demarcation of a cease-fire line, an essential prerequisite of a truce agreement.

The two Dominions are also trying to reach agreement on a plebiscite to decide the future of Kashmir.

The points in dispute—which results from the fluid state of the front at the time of the cease-fire on New Year's Day—are two positions near Patana, 15 miles South East of Nowshera, North West Frontier Province, and a line in the sector from Keran to Tithwal, in Kashmir.

The conference has decided that the present discussions, which will continue tomorrow, are to be in three stages, dealing with one part of the front at a time.—Reuter.

MILLION OUT IN ITALY

Rome, July 19.

The Italian Building Workers' "creeping strike," which began last week in the North, covered the whole country today when Sicily, Sardinia and the extreme Southern province of Calabria joined the stoppage. A million men are now out.

Union officials and employers are meeting again tonight for further talks on the men's demands for higher pay. The strike has almost paralysed the country's building and reconstruction projects.—Reuter.

The Hague, July 19. The Czechoslovak Orthodox Church of the World Federation for Free Christianity and Religious Freedom, opened here today, an official source said here. Only two visits have been asked for.—Reuter.

By tonight 15,441 dockers of the total labour force of about 24,000 were not working. They are estimated to have lost £355,000 in wages in the dispute with the employers.

Other peace moves, today were rebuffed. The giant Transport and General Workers' Union, which organised most of London's dockers, made its first public intervention for a week. Officials asked the "Lock-Out Committee" to nominate two representatives to board the Beaverbrook with others. The Committee refused.

Mr. Albert Timothy, Chairman of the "Lock-Out Committee," dismissed a reported cable from the Seafarers' International Union—the antagonist of the Canadian Seamen's Union in the Canadian dispute—inviting two dockers to fly to Canada, to see things for themselves.

Mr. Timothy branded this reported offer "a lot of hooey." The Minister of Transport, Mr. Alfred Barnes, and the Home Secretary, Mr. Christopher Eke, toured the London dock area this morning.

The London dispute is now having a serious effect at the West Coast port of Liverpool, on Wednesday.—United Press.

Mayor William O'Dwyer today stepped personally into efforts to settle the five-day-old city bus strike as the New York City Omnibus Corporation filed a suit for \$1,100,000 damages from the Transport Workers Union.

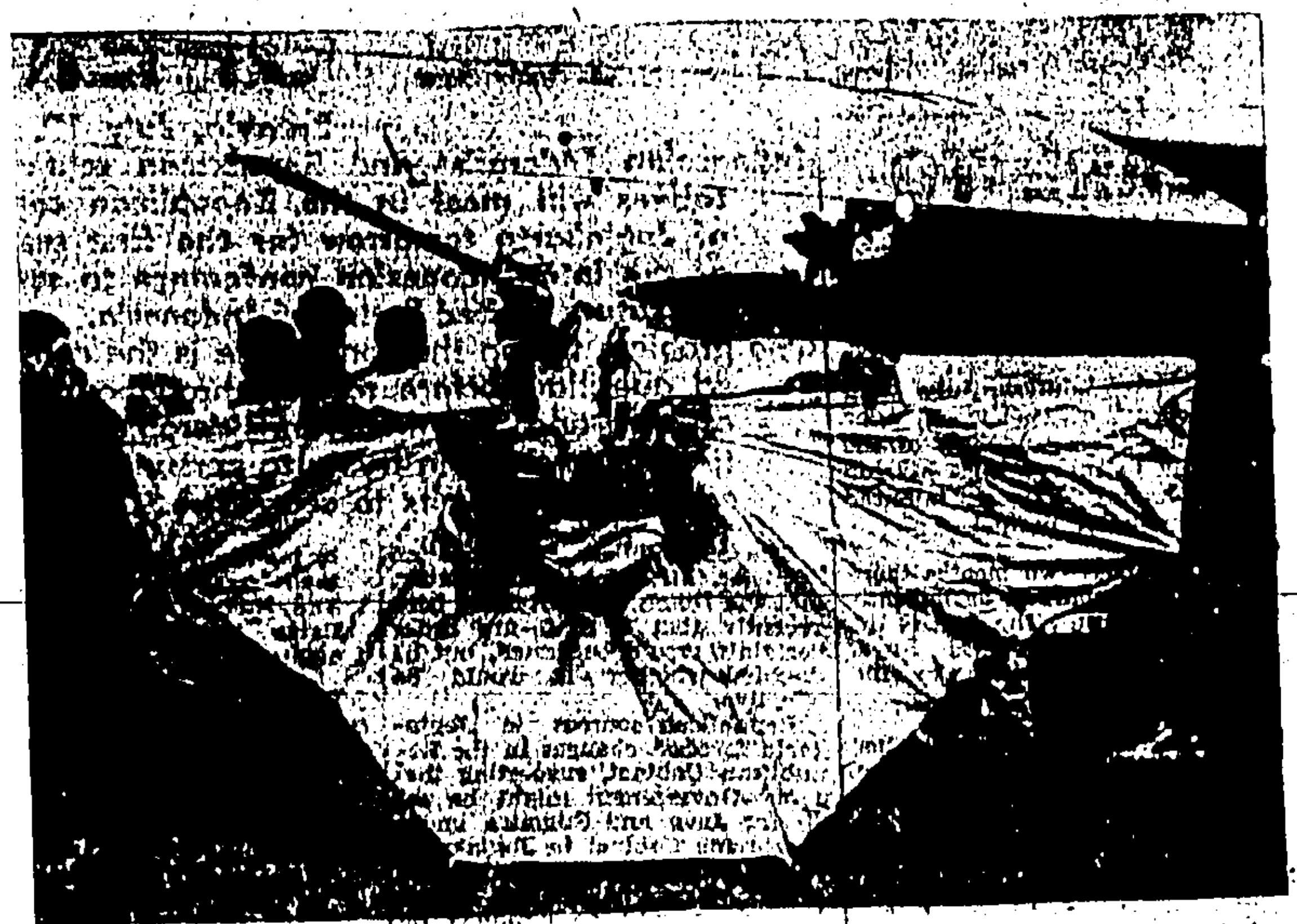
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Icarus Of Switzerland



Swiss parachute jumper Rudolf R. Boehlen, of Basle, snaps his batwing harness before taking off in an aircraft from which he later leaped in an attempt to prove the efficiency of his device. Boehlen's first experiment with winged flight was made in 1937 when he jumped from a plane flying 3,000 metres above Bern-Belpmoos. This first jump proved the soundness of the basic idea but the wings didn't support his weight adequately and he was forced to land by parachute. He rebuilt his apparatus and persuaded the Swiss Air Office to back his recent attempt. Once again he leaped from 3,000 metres; once again he had to land by parachute. In the light of these experiments Boehlen hopes finally to perfect the bird-man kit. If he can do this he foresees a wide use for it in military operations.—(AP Photo).

DOCK BOARD ORDERS MEN BACK TO WORK: DEADLOCK IN STRIKE

London, July 19.

Britain's Dock Labour Board, representing employers and trade unions, today ordered London's 15,000 idle dock workers back to work by Thursday.

Failure to return to work, the Board said, will jeopardise the very existence of the dock labour scheme, which former dock workers and many present dock workers have struggled to achieve.

The dock labour scheme guarantees the dockers a regular minimum wage even if only engaged on casual work.

The Board's statement came as the latest effort to settle the three-week-old strike ended in failure. At the same time soldiers and airmen continued unloading 70 vessels now idle in the Port.

The Board declared that the majority of men in all ports are carrying out their obligations under the scheme.

Leaders of two unions whose members are involved in the dispute—the Stevedores' and Lightermen's Unions—ended a five-and-a-half hour meeting today no nearer to a solution.

They had invited Mr. Harry Davis, President of the striking Canadian Seamen's Union, to break his flight home from Marcellus to go to their meeting, but he did not attend.

The union leaders said that they will meet again tomorrow in the hope that Mr. Davis will be there.

But no responsible observers here feel that there is any chance of such a representative meeting and little hope is planned to the proposal.

Other peace moves, today were rebuffed. The giant Transport and General Workers' Union, which organised most of London's dockers, made its first public intervention for a week. Officials asked the "Lock-Out Committee" to nominate two representatives to board the Beaverbrook with others. The Committee refused.

Mr. Albert Timothy, Chairman of the "Lock-Out Committee," dismissed a reported cable from the Seafarers' International Union—the antagonist of the Canadian Seamen's Union in the Canadian dispute—inviting two dockers to fly to Canada, to see things for themselves.

Mr. Timothy branded this reported offer "a lot of hooey." The Minister of Transport, Mr. Alfred Barnes, and the Home Secretary, Mr. Christopher Eke, toured the London dock area this morning.

The London dispute is now having a serious effect at the West Coast port of Liverpool, on Wednesday.—United Press.

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NY BUS STRIKE

New York, July 19. Mayor William O'Dwyer today stepped personally into efforts to settle the five-day-old city bus strike as the New York City Omnibus Corporation filed a suit for \$1,100,000 damages from the Transport Workers Union.

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UNCERTAINTY IN THE COLONIES REGARDING BRITISH INTENTIONS

PRAGUE'S "FINAL WARNING"

Prague, July 19. The Czechoslovak Government today warned all Catholic priests that mass retaliatory action will be taken against them and their followers if any attempt is made to carry out the Vatican's threat of excommunication for Catholic members of the Communist Party.

A first-hand informant said that about 80 priests, who had been summoned by mail to attend meetings with the Government authorities, met representatives of the Ministry of Education in Prague today.

According to this source, the priests were told: "This is not a warning. This is a final notice."

He said that notices to attend this meeting were sent to priests and some nuns by the Central National Committee.

Vatican Radio tonight said that the Czechoslovak Government aims at destroying the authority of the clergy and especially that of the bishops.

In a broadcast to Czechoslovakia, the Radio said: "The secular Catholic Action set up by the Government has nothing in common with Catholicism. It was set up to approve the illegal and unconstitutional actions of the Government, to promote a split among the members of the Church."

"The Catholic Action has nothing Catholic about it except the name, which has been illegitimately appropriated," the Radio said.

Arms Race "Leading To War"

Rome, July 19. The present world arms race can only lead to war or revolution, Signor Pietro Nenni, the Italian left wing Socialist leader, declared when the Italian Parliament opened its Atlantic Pact debate tonight.

Amid loud cheers from the left wing benches, Signor Nenni said: "The Atlantic Pact is proof of the political stupidity of the world's governing classes, who want to turn the aftermath of war into the prelude to a new war."

"The Pact binds those who are incapable enough to die for the interests and glory of the United States, open an arms race and destroy the San Francisco Charter. It is linked with the policy of domination by the United States in Europe, called Marshall Plan, which is really the colonisation of Europe."

The debate was adjourned until tomorrow, when the Communist leader, Signor Palmiro Togliatti, is expected to speak.—Reuter.

British Envoy And Stalin

Moscow, July 19. A full code record of what was said last night in the talks between the Soviet Premier, Marshal Stalin, and the British Ambassador, Sir David Kelly, was cabled to London today for the personal attention of Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary.

This was learned from authoritative British sources, who added that the British Minister, Mr. Geoffrey Harrison, had consultations at the Embassy this morning with Mr. William Barakat, head of the Embassy's Russian Secretariat.

The talk between the Soviet Premier and the Ambassador, which lasted for about 30 minutes in the Kremlin last night, is described as general in character, and conducted in a pleasant atmosphere.—Reuter.

JEWISH LABOUR IN WALK-OUT

Tel-Aviv, July 19. Thousands of workers began to leave their jobs in Israel's main industries today in what is actually a general labour strike.

The strike may not last longer than 48 hours, however, since its present purpose is merely to warn Premier David Ben-Gurion's Government against reducing wages in proportion to the cost of living index devised by the Food Controller, Mr. B. Joseph. The first workers to walk out today were dockworkers, followed by workers at garages, factories and shops. The workers claim the cost of living index is not correct.—United Press.

Lord Milverton, former Colonial Governor who recently resigned from the Labour Party, complained in the House of Lords today about the uncertainty and doubt throughout the colonial Empire of British intentions.

"If the question whether we mean to govern or to get out is not answered and if the Colonial Service is left without a clear statement of policy and of our determination to adhere to that policy, then all the money to be spent on colonial development and welfare schemes will be entirely wasted," he said.

Lord Milverton, who resigned from the Labour Party because he objected to the nationalisation of the steel industry, was speaking in a debate on colonial development.

He asserted that the Government must be prepared to give way to pressure and to give to riot and disorder what only recently it denied to reasonable presentation.

The comment of a distinguished foreigner who recently studied conditions in the British West African colonies is "government by dissent," Lord Milverton said.

"Slipping Into Chaos" This foreigner had said that the British Government is not pursuing a definite policy but is slipping and sliding slowly into chaos.

"It may be magnificent but it is not government," the foreigner had said.

GREEKS AT THE COMMONS

Athens, July 19. Cordial sentiments of friendship and common ideals uniting Britain and Greece were expressed at a reception for the Greek delegation in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Minister for Commonwealth Relations, who has many associations with Greece, welcomed the visitors on behalf of both Houses of Parliament and declared: "I have a horror of what is happening in Greece today."

Everyone in Britain, he said, believes that the trouble would have ended long ago without foreign intervention from outside. All hope that Greece's trial will soon come to an end.—Reuter.

REPORT ON THE PRESS PRAISED

Cardiff, July 19. Lord Kemsley, owner of the largest chain of newspapers in Britain, today welcomed the report of the Commission on the Press as a model of objective reporting.

He said of the findings of the Commission: "The myth that there are hidden influences at work has been destroyed."—Reuter.

COLD WAVE IN SOUTH AMERICA

Santiago, July 19. The death toll in the current cold wave rose to nine today when the frozen body of a homeless woman was found huddled in a doorway.

A blanket of South Polar air extended all the way across the Andes as far as Santa Province in North Western Argentina.—United Press.

Communist Violence In Assam

Calcutta, July 19. Four hundred Communists were arrested today in North Assam after a pitched battle with the police.

The police rescue party failed to save one of their officers who had been captured by the Communists. The officer was found hanged to death.

One Communist woman was killed in the clash in which the Communists fought from behind barriers with hand grenades, acid bombs and guns.—United Press.

STORY OF LONDON FRACAS

London, July 19. Accused of attacking a constable with a knife, a coloured labourer shouted in Court today after the policeman had given evidence. "If I had a gun I would shoot you."

His head swathed in bandages from a truncheon blow, the labourer, K. A. V. Lanty, was facing charges with seven other coloured men and seven white men after disturbances last night outside a lodging house in South East London.

The Constable told the Court, how another coloured labourer, Edwin Lampey, threw a shovel of coal at him when he tried to restore order after the disturbances.

"As I approached him he passed the shovel at me," the policeman said. "I turned my back to him and hot cinders struck me, burning my jacket."

"I rushed towards him and he took this knife (a table knife) out of his pocket, and as I closed with him he cut my left thumb in the struggle."

Both men were remanded in custody.

The other accused were also remanded in custody or on bail.—Reuter.

Stockpiling Plan Said "Cockeyed"

Washington, July 19. The chairman of the Senate Military Appropriations Sub-Committee, Senator Elmer Thomas (Democrat), today labelled "cockeyed" Munitions Board plans for a \$3,500,000,000 stockpile of strategic materials.

Mr. Thomas called on the Board to report by Thursday why it cannot reduce the stockpile to one year's supply. The Board wants a five-year supply.

The Senator said the Board has over \$1,000,000,000 of strategic materials on hand and has been obliged for another \$400,000,000 in contracts.

The Board is asking \$835,000,000 in appropriations for this fiscal year and he wants to cut this by at least \$600,000,000.

"The Munitions Board says it needs a \$3,500,000,000 stockpile," said Senator Thomas. "It costs money to maintain this and to pay for deterioration. At a time when we are at peace, this appears cockeyed to me."

He then said the Board wants a "trainload of castor oil."

"They already have 15,000,000 pounds on hand. They have 200,000 pounds of pepper and they want 24,000,000 more. That pepper is a great defence weapon."

The stockpile includes more than 75 items, including copper, lead, zinc, rubber, industrial diamonds, watch jewels, tungsten, manganese and pepper.—United Press.

TOUJOURS LA POLITESSE

Barl, July 19. Thieves tunneled 30 yards under a street in Trani, near Bari, to rob a bank, but came up in an adjoining tobacconist shop by mistake.

They cleared out his stock, worth about \$500, and left this note: "Sorry, we made a mistake and had to make good our losses somehow."—Reuter.

FULL AGREEMENT ON DOLLAR CRISIS SOLUTION

London, July 19.

There is complete agreement in the Commonwealth on the main principles of what should be a long-term solution of the dollar problem.

This was stated today by Mr. Douglas Abbott, Canadian Finance Minister, commenting on the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' talks which concluded here yesterday.

He told a press conference that it remains to be seen to what extent these principles can be put into effect.

"I don't think dollar cuts are a cure for anything. No formula of words provides a solution. There has got to be positive action," he said.

Mr. Abbott said that there will be a very real curtailment of the Sterling Area's purchases from Canada, but he emphasised that there is a very big market for Sterling Area sales to Canada.

At the London talks he had repeatedly stressed that export products must be produced at the price that is right.

The danger of curtailing imports is that each cut tends to raise production costs as markets contract.

Mr. Abbott said that the discussions on long-term plans were exceedingly helpful and that there was general appreciation of the constructive measures urged by Canada.

Other points he made:

(1) The conference did not change his view that bilateral trading is a bad thing in the long run.

(2) Sterling Area cuts are tentative and provisional.

(3) Broadly, the aim is to improve the Sterling Area position by US\$700,000,000.—Reuter.

STALIN RECEIVES BRITISH ENVOY

Moscow, July 19. All newspapers today front-paged the 23-word communique that Premier Stalin received the British Ambassador, Sir David Kelly.

It was Sir David's first talk with Stalin since his arrival last month and Stalin's first meeting with any British diplomat since Mr. Frank Roberts, envoy of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, came last summer to take part in four-power talks in the Kremlin.

The British Embassy made no comment.—United Press.

"AID FROM RUSSIA FOR HUKS"

Manila, July 20. Press reports from Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, said today that a Huk commander told the authorities that the Huk high command is spreading the report among dissidents that material aid from Russia will arrive next year and the Huk will achieve final victory.

The Huk commander, Raymundo Viray, 25, who surrendered to the Constabulary last week, was quoted as saying: "We were made to believe by our superior officers that the Philippines does not expect to enjoy freedom until the Russians come."

Viray is reported to have surrendered because he was relieved of his company command.

He is alleged to have taken part in the ambush of Mrs. Quezon and party last April.—United Press.

Laos Gets Dominion Status

Paris, July 19. France today gave independence to the Indo-Chinese kingdom of Laos.

In return, Laos pledged adherence to the French Union, thus taking on a sort of Dominion status.

Laotian King Sisavang Vong signed with French President V. Auriol an agreement which provides, among other things, that France will support the admission of Laos to the United Nations.

Laos will send a diplomatic mission to Bangkok.

France pledged to defend Laos in co-operation with the Laotian army.

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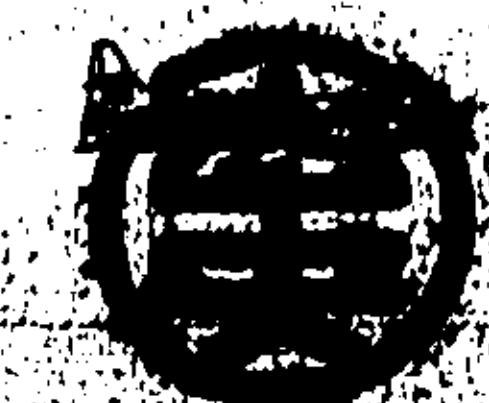
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CHURCH AND STATE

It is probable that only the first shots have been fired in the now openly declared war between Communism and Christianity. The outcome will be a long time in materialising, and the obvious advantages of unscrupulous brutality and stringent control, both physical and mental, are on the side of Moscow. The Church has had faults of its own, but has also known a continuity of high endeavour for two thousand years, during which time it has met and defeated many a similar anti-Christ. This one, however, is the most dread of all.

The Vatican's biggest gun has already spoken—excommunication of anyone who belongs to or works for the Communist Party. The statement issued by the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches is equally firm in its denunciation of totalitarianism. Various denominations differ in their response to the Red challenge, but most Christians are united in recognising Marxism as the greatest single menace the churches have ever had to face.

Using its usual disruption tactics, the Kremlin has argued that it is only the Roman Catholic Church to which it objects. It has, however, become increasingly obvious in the satellite countries that the Communists regard all branches of the faith as their enemy. "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon"—as propounded by Mammon. The churches are guardians of a doctrine as systematic as that of Moscow, and their standards are a reproach to all Marxists. It is inevitable that the churches must make moral judgments on politics, and the severity of those judgments will vary with the evils to which they are applied.

In the past, the choice between personal allegiance to Church or State did not have to be an exclusive one. Experience of centuries, among the English-speaking peoples, has shown that religious belief and political loyalty can exist side by side without either losing its vitality. But these days are over. It is one of the most retrograde and forbidding features of Communism that this position is being made untenable. The Red creed permits of no divided loyalties. There shall be no other gods but Stalin.

A choice is now being forced on millions of people all over the world. A man must decide to be a Christian or a Communist. It is a fateful choice, for in it the irreconcilables of the totalitarian and the democratic faiths come face to face. The former will accept a church only if it is service—if it has no God. The latter will recognise the overriding authority of conscience and religious belief. Between these points of view there is no compromise. We may come and go on social policy. But when men are challenged and inhibited in their right to obey their God, they must stand and fight. It is their nature to do this, and it may be well that it is so, for this is the only issue on which to decide the fate of the whole world.

Man Behind Cotton Crop

By MARGARET GILRUTH

News that an influential little group of Egyptian cotton exporters have asked their Government for a loan of 30,000 bales of old crop long-staple high quality cotton against an undertaking to return in kind from the new crop—and a promise to pay any difference in price, involving about £1,100,000—has hit the Arabic press headlines here in Egypt.

THE Egyptian cotton market, will not affect the forthcoming market because these exporters will be compelled to buy from growers 50,000 bales of the new crop to repay the debt, and these bales the Government would hold for sale against hard currency, according to its present policy. The Government would thus be raising the position of the new crop and at the same time making a neat little profit of about £1,000,000.

The exporters would be fulfilling demands from India and France—and, according to one business man, if these 50,000 bales were shipped to markets abroad the balance of trade will be improved to the extent of about £8,000,000.

All this is a matter of high finance and high-level policy affecting the Government in Cairo, exporters in Alexandria and industrialists overseas.

The 'fellah', the Egyptian peasant, who through unceasing manual labour produces nearly half of the country's cotton crop, finds his day-to-day preoccupations much too grave to be worrying him to worry about what happens when his cotton crop leaves his hands.

He works from daylight to dark with a break at midday. A Moslem, he often marries two, three or even four times so that he can marry more women and more children to help him in the fields.

There are about 12 million 'fellahin', or peasants, living within the borders of Egypt, the majority of whom come from the beginning of February to the end of October, connected with the cotton crop. That is, from the beginning of the sowing period to the end of the picking period.

If they are tenants, at the end of the picking they prepare the ground for another crop—maize, wheat or barley—and cotton is dismissed from their minds until next year.

If they are small landowners, with holdings of anything up to five acres, they invariably require financial assistance to work their crops. They get credit or loans from local merchants or local banks—both of which act as distributors of cotton seed and fertilisers, again on a credit basis if necessary. Cash is advanced for other requirements, tools, picking appliances or sucking, for baling. Official tax collectors extract any dues due, plus 6 per cent interest. Fifteen rantis is the maximum duration for loans up-country, in the Egyptian provinces.

When cotton has been pledged to a bank, the bank takes charge of it up to its arrival at Alexandria. If it is passed over to a merchant, the man with the small holding either negotiates direct or he auctions it at his village market.

The Egyptian government is a substantial up-country purchaser of cotton, financed by a £30,000,000 1946 cotton loan and treasury bills held by commercial banks.

Cotton is originally packed in 250 lb. bags. Once sold to the local bank or merchant, its transport becomes their responsibility. If its destination—store or factory—is near the Nile, it will be sent by camel or donkey to the river's edge and loaded on to a flat-bottomed boat with tall, slim, graceful white sails, sometimes two boats are lashed together, pontoons-wise. They are Egypt's cheapest form of transport—carrying anything from 500-700 sacks, travelling about 250 miles downstream in a week to 10 days.

Although there is no crop insurance in Egypt, cotton is fully covered from the moment it is ginned—ginning is the process by which the cotton fibre is separated from the seed and finally baled. While it is en route it is covered through a pool insurance—a complicated but well-organized company to which all engaged in the business belong. At Alexandria, when it is placed in storage awaiting its final purchase and shipment, it is covered by policies placed in Alexandria, with a minimum premium of 4.86 per 1,000 annually.

By the time it is finally shipped to its ultimate destination—England, France, India, Japan—it is a long way from the fields. And away up-country, in the torrid Egyptian summer that most worthy and industrious man, the 'fellah', the peasant, is tending his next crop with care and thought. This is the only issue on which to decide the fate of the whole world.

THE MAN WHO MAKES WALL STREET TREMBLE

By JAMES BROUGH

Leon Keyserling has always had a way with money. One of his pet party tricks is to lower himself sideways to the floor on one hand and retrieve with his teeth a coin held between his fingers on the carpet. That manoeuvre needs timing, balance, and sheer strength, three qualities he demonstrates every long working day as leader of a mild but mammoth-sized revolution.

The basic idea is to spread the wealth of America more evenly among its 140,000,000 citizens. The dark eyes behind his thick horn-rimmed spectacles gleam with the vision of making over the U.S. into a Welfare State, of turning the world's last citadel of free enterprise into a halfway house on the road to British-pattern Socialism.

The name of this chunky young lawyer (he's 41) is almost as unknown here as in Britain. But it evokes a storm of disapproval and forebodings of trouble from more and more rock-ribbed Republicans on the season-ticket train which carries me each morning into New York from Greenwich.

Over the tops of the financial pages they glare and mutter a dirge that runs: "This Keyserling character wants to plan us to death. I don't know where we're headed for."

In these confused times most Americans share that uncertainty, but Leon Keyserling is sure what his country's destination should be. The Wall Street Journal, which has a reputation for scientific danger on the economic breeze, produced this folksy maxim to illustrate his power: "A small, determined mule can steer a big, undecided horse to the stable."

The next four years will show whether Keyserling gets his horse through the stable door. His struggle is the biggest, quietest story in America today. It breaks into newspaper headlines only occasionally. But the outcome will affect the future of Britain and the shape of the world for a generation.

So long as Harry Truman is President, Keyserling will be in force in this land; that is until 1953 at the latest. The President is fond of this "small, determined mule" perhaps out of affection for Truman's home State of Missouri, where mules abound.

Lost His Shirts

The President listens to the planner's pit schemes for guiding private production through the maze of the White House. Harry Truman was a poor farmer and an unsuccessful Kansas City business man who lost all the shirts in his undergarment shop during the Great Depression.

Now, with the cheers of last November's election day still ringing in his head, the President pictures himself as champion of the underdog, the underprivileged, the "have-nots." He wants to save them from the recurrent disasters of boom-and-bust. He demands Government intervention to help farmers and workmen and little shopkeepers.

Keyserling, who demonstrated

his way with money by winning a £2,500 prize for a 1944 essay called "The American Economic Goal" was part of the inspiration for Truman's "Fair Deal" programme, a sensational document the significance of which was largely obscured by the unemotional flatness of the President's voice when he presented it to a nodding Congress.

The master planner's colleagues, christened the Enger Beavers by a sceptical Washington, have developed a theory of what they call "regulated capitalism." Its foundations are full employment, full consumption, full spending. They give private capitalism a clear run—provided it fits in with the Government's master plan.

Bevan The Copy

The differences between this and the various Attlee, Bevan, Wilson schemes for Britain are sometimes hard to find. Washington, for instance, has a proposed national health service that is the image of America's.

The Enger Beavers earned their name by their piecemeal approach to the problem of selling staunchly individualistic Americans the benefits of socialism. Like beavers building a dam that will block a river, they do it a stick at a time.

They believe that an American depression, however mild, might convince enough voters that planning was the remedy to hurry fat slices of their programme into law. Old-age pensions, unemployment pay, Government-financed steel mills, guaranteed jobs—the pattern is familiar, even humdrum, in Britain, but it's dynamite here.

By the skilled use of subsidies Washington learned how to fit farm production into a plan when Franklin Roosevelt was President. The trend goes on under Harry Truman.

Factories are still more or less undirected by anybody except their managers—and the unions. But the Enger Beavers dream of tax concessions for industries they want to develop, along the lines of a war-time incentive scheme for armaments concerns.

The public, and particularly that under-fed, poorly housed, ill-educated third of it, has to be protected from the inequalities of unregulated Americanism, the planners say. Harry Truman, remembering his past, agrees wholeheartedly.

"Inadequate" is a word Keyserling likes to use when, over a drink or two, he discusses the workings of free enterprise with like-minded Fair Dealers on country estates in Bethesda, Maryland, a few miles North of the capital.

A Roosevelt Man

He is a persuasive talker, experienced in Government operation—he took his first Civil Service job in 1933, when Roosevelt was grappling with a chronically sick, delirious country and Henry Wallace was Agriculture Secretary.

Today Keyserling's title is Vice-Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, but his real role is ringleader of Harry Truman's brains trust.

A Miracle--By The Sound Of It

By A.V. SELLWOOD

Sounds that we cannot hear are probing the secrets of a world we cannot see, and a new and remarkable type of power and energy is being harnessed by British scientists to the service of mankind.

The theory of Ultra-sonics has been known for some time. But its application to everyday affairs is only just beginning.

Outside the "waveband" of the human ear, millions of "lost" notes reverberate unheard in space; such vibrations, when generated at high intensity, can paralyse, burn, disintegrate and kill.

A sound wave is created by a series of vibrations. Like most other waves it possesses amplitude, it possesses energy in proportion to its frequency—the more vibration for a given time, the greater the force exerted on the target.

The ear can detect sounds varying from 20 to 18,000 vibrations a second. Anything faster than that is inaudible.

Scientists have now found methods of generating millions of vibrations a second, and switching the accumulated energy to certain specific aims.

Strange tales are filtering out of the laboratories; sensation stories of "wonder-beams" that flower potatoes, weeds before their flower buds, and a second's touch. Recently I went to see Mr. G. Bradfield, for years a worker in this strange new field of power. In his quiet room at the National Physical Laboratory he told me:

"We have to avoid two equally dangerous fallacies.

"First, that in ultra-sonics lies the immediate cure-all for everyday problems. Secondly, that they are part of a fascinating theory that the scientists are playing with for use at some remote date. It is no simple matter, Bradfield. The faster the vibrations, the shorter the wave length; the shorter the wave length, the easier it is to study the really minute.

"By passing ultra-sonics through single crystals of steel, it is possible to learn something of how atoms are arranged and something of the force that holds them together.

"We have sent sound beams through concrete foundations and obtained the thickness by calculations based on the time it took them to return."

"These achievements are not feats of showmanship. They are real aids to industry."

The United States has been quick to follow the British lead. Today there are reports that American scientists have caused an increase in corn yield, have developed sound treatment for milk to kill bacteria, have lit cigarettes with the heat from the converted energy of ultra-sonics.

Non-smoking Dr. Bradfield dryly commented: "Matches are still cheaper than sound beams." Otherwise he is optimistic. "To the navigator, echo sounding can show the rocks ahead, the position of icebergs. To the fisherman, it will be a pointer to bumper catches, an eye that can pick out a single fish."

A Band Of Brave Men

By G. D. K. McCORMICK

This is the story of one of the most remarkable smuggling exploits in the world—a tale of lives risked without thought of gain in order to ensure that the Bible continues to circulate. A small international band of Christians—Bible smugglers, Protestants and other sects—has undertaken the task of collecting and distributing Bibles in those countries where they are banned. They have two headquarters, one in Austria for the drive into Communist territories, the other in international Tangier for smuggling Bibles into Spain.

Carlos Cabedo, the white-haired, emaciated leader of the Tangier Bible smugglers, told me how this Bible Promotion Society started.

"As a Spanish Protestant I am a refugee from Spain," he said. "I fought on neither side in the Civil War. I was assisted by Quakers in relief work, yet when the war was over we were forced to flee the country.

"Many refugees came to free Tangier and settled there. During the Spanish occupation in the war we had to remain in hiding. It was then that three Spaniards, together with refugee Czechs and Dutchmen banded together and started this society.

"As the war progressed there was an increasing shortage of Bibles. In fact in many parts of Europe a black market in Bibles was created by unscrupulous racketeers. We had a hard task to collect and bring Bibles in all languages, to store them and smuggle them in half dozens into various European countries."

During the war this society distributed more than 3,000 Bibles through agents in Spain, Germany, Holland and Czechoslovakia. Now the drive is aimed exclusively at Iron Curtain countries and Spain.

"We are strictly non-partisan," explained Carlos Cabedo. "We help Catholics wherever they are persecuted and distribute authentic Catholic versions of the Bible. On the other hand we help the large number of secret Protestants in Spain who are denied the right to read their own Bible."

No Easy Task

"It is not easy, for our agents are sometimes caught and imprisoned. To lose one agent means that perhaps 1,000 people are denied the Bible. Often, too, we are misrepresented as favouring one religion more than another."

Bibles are distributed in Spanish, English, German, Russian and French editions. While Eastern Europe is the most serious problem from the point of view of distribution, Cabedo claims that Spain is the only nation in Western Europe where the Bible is banned literature.

"Customs officers have instructions to see that no Bibles are taken into the country. We rely on fishermen to smuggle them in. Before the Franco regime the Bible Society was distributing 300,000 Bibles a year in Spain.

"I am not without hope that things will change," Carlos Cabedo concluded. "I have many secret messages from Catholic sympathisers who feel that religious persecution of Protestants will ultimately harm their cause."



Something very forbidding about the Press censorship they're imposing in Shanghai.

Mr. Dionne says one or more of the quins may enter a convent. Will it be all or none?

Customs men found watches in a seaman's socks. I sometimes wear ones with clocks in them.

A woman in court said that a quarrel with her husband started when he wanted to take a sedlitz powder and couldn't find a glass. The upshot was a storm in a teacup.

"Tita and Ali in angry scene." Ah, well, there would certainly be plenty of Ali-money.

Some of our would-be politicians seem to be hoping for a gerrymander.

It looks as if down in Australia Mr. Colwell is bent on taking the OK from Mrs. O'Keefe.

Mr. Fairfax has driven an irrefragable nail into the political coffin of Mr. McGill and his henchmen. I must say I do disapprove of those community coffins.

Thieves who stole that piano from a shop must have performed pianissimo.

Edward Mather, of Puyallup, Washington, announced last month that burglars had looted his cabin of "everything but the kitchen sink," reported last week that they had returned and taken the sink.

Mrs. Stewart of the Bracs was well satisfied with her gardener, although she did think he spent too much time on the vegetable patch, and not enough, on the peonies and sweet williams.

When I called to take her to the Kirk one Sunday, she said, "I dinna ken if I can go. I've a such a lagamochee face that Archibald, 'cause a puckle rabbit's ate 'a' the cauliflowers. I canna tell ye if he said—it bein' the Sabbath."

A joint banking account is one where the man puts in as much as he can, and his wife draws out as much as she needs.

"The family keep only four cows, from which they raise calves, sheep, pigs, young cattle, and last year gathered 500 bushels of wheat." They'd better forget the wheat and concentrate on those four cows.

Henpeck, standing in the wretched box in a sooty battered state, was being cross-examined by a bullying counsel. "And you've never spoken a hasty word to your wife?"

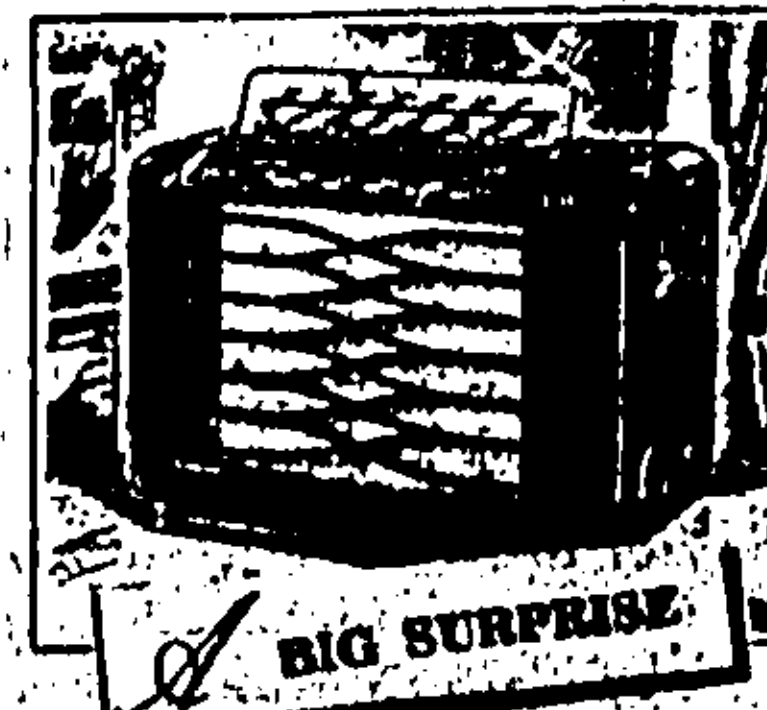
When Henpeck hesitated for a moment, the barrister was quick to seize the opportunity. "Be careful how you answer," he roared. "Well," faltered Henpeck. "I remember I did once say to her, 'Put down that poker.'"

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GALLOWS FOR HAIGH

Sentenced To Death For Vampire Murders

INSANITY PLEA FAILS

Lewes, Sussex, July 19.

One-time choir boy John George Haigh, 39-year-old self-confessed "acid bath" murderer of nine men and women, smiled as an Assize Court jury here today decided to send him to the gallows. His plea of paranoid insanity had failed.

In 15 minutes, at the end of a trial which began yesterday, the Jury of 11 men and one middle-aged woman, found Haigh guilty of the murder of 69-year-old Mrs. Olive Durand-Deacon last February 18.

The elderly, white-haired Foreman of the Jury said firmly: "We find him guilty of murder."

TURKISH GENERAL IN SYRIA

Damascus, July 19.

General Karim Orbay Karakani, former Chief of Staff of the Turkish Army, arrived in Aleppo this morning from Turkey and was officially received by the Assistant Chief of Staff of the Syrian Army, Colonel Ahmad Mahmud.

General Orbay is expected in Damascus this afternoon, and Foreign Affairs and National Defence representatives are jointly to receive the distinguished visitor.

General Orbay is to visit Marshal Zaim on Wednesday.

Informal circles say that General Orbay's visit relates to the Syrian request for the Turkish Government to accept Syrian studies in the Turkish Military Academy, and to come to Syria to help in training the Syrian Army.

Sultan Pasha Attash, the famous Damascus leader and national figure, is due in Damascus today to visit and congratulate President Hurei Zaim.

Dr. Sadik Pasha's first visit for many years, he having been on bad terms with Kamil Marashli and other personalities of the former regime, Associated Press.

MACARTHUR TO STAY AWHILE

New York, July 19.

A Chicago publisher has quoted General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers in Japan, as saying that he will not leave Japan before a peace treaty has been signed.

Mr. Bernard G. Davis, President of the Ziff-Davis Publishing Company, in a cablegram to his firm here, said that General MacArthur told him: "It is not my plan or purpose to leave Japan until a treaty of peace has been signed."

Mr. Davis had invited General MacArthur to attend a reunion next winter of the survivors of the United States Army's "Bataan Death March" through the Philippines in 1942. Reuter.

LONDON-MALTA AIR RECORD

Malta, July 19.

Four British naval Hawker Hurricanes, which landed here today, have established an official London to Malta record, which is subject to confirmation, of three hours, 23 minutes.

The flight was a normal delivery trip to reinforce the naval air squadrons based on Malta. Reuter.

Mass Extermination Ban "Inadmissible"

Geneva, July 19.

A Soviet draft resolution asking the 60-nation Conference, which is meeting here to draw up a new International Red Cross Convention, to ban all methods of mass extermination in any future war, was declared inadmissible in committee today.

Atomic bombs, bacteriological and chemical warfare are listed in the Soviet draft resolution.

A Soviet draft resolution asking the Conference to ban such methods of warfare was first submitted on July 7 in committee, but on that occasion the committee did not judge itself to be competent to deal with it.

General Slavin, head of the Russian delegation, urged before today's committee that the resolution be "in accordance with the aims of the Conference and fills in the gaps in the existing Conventions, which, he said, does not afford protection against the greatest dangers."

He declared that some countries are not seeking measures which will be acceptable to all peace-loving countries.

The United States delegate said that he could not consider the draft resolution admissible, either in committee, or in a plenary session.

At the request of general Slavin, the resolution was put to a vote. There were 34 votes against, eight votes in favour and six abstentions.

General Slavin said that he will bring the resolution up again in plenary session. Reuter.

The Clerk of the Court asked Haigh if he had anything to say. Haigh smiled and drew out "Nothing at all."

The Judge pronounced sentence of death and as he added the words: "May the Lord have mercy on your soul," Haigh's smile broadened into a grin.

Over 1,000 people jammed the street outside the Court and applauded as the Judge left. In finding the accused guilty, the Jury rejected one of the most sensational pleas in British criminal history that Haigh, it was alleged, killed not only the victim but eight other people.

He believed he was guided by a dream spirit to act along a divinely appointed course, the defence contended.

Nauseating Story

The British Attorney-General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, for the prosecution, called a "nauseating story of premeditated murder for gain."

He maintained that Haigh was sane at the time the crime was committed and capable of distinguishing right from wrong.

But the defence, led by Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, famous Nuremberg prosecutor, produced psychiatric evidence that Haigh was a paranoid, clever, insane and vain, who lived two lives at once.

Dr. Henry Yellowlees, a leading British psychiatrist, said Haigh had told him during prison interviews of constantly recurring dreams of the "bleeding Christ" and "bleeding trees" in which he saw a "forest of crucifixes" and was offered blood to drink.

In his summing up, Justice Humphrey told the Jury that if they entertained any real doubt that at the time of the murder of Mrs. Durand-Deacon, Haigh knew that what he was doing was wrong, they should find a verdict of guilty.

Ex-Choirboy

In 30 years John George Haigh moved from a place in a provincial cathedral choir to the dock in the Assize Court at Lewes where he pleaded paranoid insanity and confessed to nine of the most macabre murders of this century.

The quiet, dapper, little Yorkshireman—the boy singer of Wakefield Cathedral—remained a musician to the end.

With one of his last women friends he went to musical concerts and ballet performances; he gave her gramophone records of classical music.

When he was 21 he went into business and his methods of business earned him 15 months' imprisonment for fraud by the time he was 25.

After serving his sentence he became Assistant Manager of a dyeing and cleaning business and an underwriter on his own account.

Then he set up as a solicitor and offered for sale at bargain prices shares that he did not have at his disposal.

For that he was sentenced to four years' penal servitude.

Vivid Statement

When next the police took an interest in his activities they were working on a more serious matter—the disappearance of wealthy 69-year-old Mrs. Olive Durand-Deacon from a West London hotel.

Just over a week after her disappearance police took a statement from Haigh more vivid than the pages of a thriller in which he described how he had shot Mrs. Durand-Deacon and disposed of her body in a bath of acid.

Police concentrated their enquiries for a time on a basement in West London, to which Haigh said he had taken acquaintances and disposed of their bodies in acid.

They took away samples of the floor in the belief that analysis might show human remains. But though they carried their enquiries far, it was only with the murder of Mrs. Durand-Deacon that Haigh was charged at Lewes Assizes. Reuter.

Arabs To Protest To UN

Lausanne, July 19.

The Arab delegations to the peace talks with Israel here will protest to the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission over alleged restrictions in the recent Tel-Aviv offer to reunite certain members of broken families among Arab refugees, an Arab spokesman said today.

The spokesman said that the recent detailed agreement in the Israeli capital on categories of refugees to be accepted was not a serious offer. Only a few hundred persons would be aided. The Arabs transmit these views to the Commission at a meeting with its general committee later this week.

After peace conversations were resumed here yesterday after a three-week adjournment during which both sides returned for consultations with their governments.

Immediately before the adjournment, Israel submitted to the Commission a project to admit back into Israeli territory close relatives of Arabs who remained behind after the Palestine fighting. The spokesman said at that time that the project was at least worthy of further discussion. He added that he thought about 30,000 refugees would be involved.

Since that date, the Tel-Aviv government has issued another statement detailing the kind of refugees who would be accepted. The statement also provided for a detailed screening process.

While the Arab delegations here are reported to be still ready to discuss the matter, the more recent Tel-Aviv announcement is believed to have considerably dampened their earlier attitude toward the proposal. United Press.

LABOUR MP'S ON CARPET

London, July 19.

Two Labour Members of Parliament, Mr. Emrys Hughes and Mr. Lester Hutchinson, who have criticised the Party's official policy, appeared before the Political Sub-Committee of the Party today.

Two other Members, Mr. Konni Zilliacus and Mrs. Leslie Solley, appeared before this Committee before being expelled from the Party. It is understood that there was a friendly discussion of views which Mr. Hughes and Mr. Hutchinson have sometimes expressed, particularly on foreign affairs. Reuter.

SHIP HITS MINE

Copenhagen, July 19.

Five of the crew were killed when the Swedish motor ship Ingelborg struck a mine and sank in the Kattegat during the night. Two others on board—one a woman—were rescued. Reuter.

YANGTSE FLOODING

"Kosbies" Coming To Hong Kong

Still more reinforcements are to be added to the increased Hong Kong garrison.

This was revealed in London with the brief announcement, quoted by Reuter, that the 1st Battalion, the King's Own Scottish Borderers (the "Kosbies") were sailing for Hong Kong yesterday in the troopship Devonshire.

The "Kosbies" have seen previous service in Hong Kong, where a battalion of the Regiment was stationed in 1927-28.

Meanwhile it was announced in Lisbon yesterday (according to United Press) that 1,400 Colonial troops have left Portuguese West Africa to reinforce the garrison at Macao.

Fully equipped with machine-guns, transport and motorised artillery and commanded by Portuguese officers, the troops left in the transport Nyassa.

SPECIAL SESSION PROPOSED

Washington, July 19.

Democratic Senator James Murray today proposed a special session of Congress this autumn to act on legislation to combat unemployment.

In a speech prepared for delivery before the "full employment" conference of Americans for Democratic Action, the Senator said immediately steps must be taken on such legislation because of the possibility that unemployment may increase.

Senator Murray said: "With so many important legislative matters before Congress it is difficult to see how anyone can seriously propose that Congress adjourn for the rest of the year. If Congress does take a brief recess later in the summer, it should be expected to come back in September and work on the vital measures."

Among these bills, Senator Murray listed legislation to raise minimum wages, revise the tax system, create a Missouri and Columbia Valley Authority and carry out Agriculture Secretary Charles Brannan's new farm programme.

He also mentioned an economic expansion bill which he and other Senators are sponsoring. United Press.

LEAFLET WAR IN BERLIN

Berlin, July 19.

Leaflets calling for free elections in the Soviet sector of Berlin rained down on pro-Communist demonstrators marching to the Potsdamer Platz this afternoon.

They were thrown from a building on the British sector side of the Square and were carried by the wind over the demonstrators. About 20,000 people attended the meeting, which was organised by the Communist-led Socialist Unity Party under the slogan "The Cold War has ended, what will become of Germany?" Reuter.

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Waters Checked By Dyke Control

Shanghai, July 19.

The worst flood in China since the disaster of 1931 appeared to have been checked today, Communist officials reported.

For 10 days the rampaging waters of the swollen Yangtse River have been wiping out farmlands, destroying homes and taking a heavy toll of lives.

Today, officials said, the waters have been checked by the dikes built and repaired by an army of flood control workers.

The newspaper "Wen Hui Pao" said the damage will not be as great as the first estimates indicated. In some areas a large percentage of the rice crop can be harvested.

Heavy losses of lives and crops are reported, however, on the Yellow River to the North. Two hundred thousand persons are reported homeless.

The "Wen Hui Pao" said there are good prospects for an early rice harvest within 24 days. The rice harvest centre in the Kiangnan area South of the Yangtse will not be affected by the floods.

Prices Lower

Meanwhile, the price of rice in Shanghai went down slightly as a result of the arrival of a big stock of grain by junk from Wush and the throwing of supplies on the market by the Shanghai Food Corporation at the official rate.

While the flood was worst it contributed to the skyrocketing prices in the past week due to effect on harvest prospects and transportation.

Press reports indicate that the flood is under control around Wush and Kunming, Chekiang Province.

Yellow River Danger

A report to the "Ta Kung Pao" quoted farmers as saying that at least 80 per cent of the harvest in the South of the Yangtse where high farmlands were not affected by the floods.

A serious flood situation is reported to be still existing in North China where the Yellow River swept Southward, cut the Luning railway and threatened the lives of 20,000 people, according to the "Wen Hui Pao." United Press.

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Manila, July 20.

City health officials today warned of the growing incidence of typhoid cases in Manila and nearby provinces and urged residents to immunise themselves as soon as possible.

It was disclosed that 87 typhoid cases are now under treatment at Manila's San Lazaro Hospital. A large portion of these cases came from Rizal and Bulacan provinces.

The City Health Officer, Dr. Mariano Teusiano, said Manila has more flies and mosquitoes today than after the liberation when the U.S. Army periodically sprayed the city with DDT.

Dr. Teusiano added: "Our only protection today is immunisation."

Officials emphasised that there is no epidemic anywhere, but warned people to be more careful about what to eat and drink. The authorities announced that rats have been found to be potential carriers of typhoid germs. United Press.

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Dutch Royal Celebration



Unusual wedding celebration is the reason for this picture of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands with her husband, Prince Bernhard, and children (left to right) Princess Margriet, Princess Irene, Princess Marjke, and Princess Beatrix, seen at the royal residence, Palais Boesdijk. It was taken to mark their "copper wedding" (half silver wedding) anniversary—twelve and a half years of married life, which the Dutch make quite an occasion. Present from their people was a restored palace and gardens in the Hague Forest.—(AP Photo)

PRESIDENT TRUMAN HINTS OF TROUBLE IN RED COUNTRIES

Chicago, July 19.

President Truman hinted broadly today that Communism's troubles are increasing behind the iron curtain. He said he is optimistic the world may yet be organized for peace without war.

"Communism may have temporary triumphs," the President said, "but in the long run it must either destroy itself or abandon its attempts to force other nations into its pattern."

Whether this meant that Mr. Truman knows of some undisclosed tensions apart from such things as Yugoslavia's break with Moscow or the conflict between the Church and Communist regimes was not disclosed, but in view of changes of information available to him as head of the United States Government, his words are considered to have a possible special significance.

Mr. Truman flew here to address American Shriners celebrating their Diamond Jubilee and made it an occasion for a major speech on foreign policy. He pledged the U. S. to continue its "great cause for peace" with action along two lines:

1. Maintaining a strong and stable American economy as the primary source of strength of the free world. He said: "We must make all our plans, private and public, in such a way as to give us more jobs."

2. Taking steps to insure that the hard work of economic recovery of other free nations does not revert to stagnation and despair. "One of the most foolish things we could do right now," Mr. Truman said, "would be to slash our appropriations for European recovery."

Short-Sighted

"If we did that, we would be deliberately throwing away gains for peace and freedom that we have painfully made. Only the Communists would profit if we took such a short-sighted course."

Mr. Truman's address was broadcast by American networks and was sent by short-wave around the world.

Not once did he mention Russia by name. But he filled it with repeated clear references to the men in the Kremlin.

On the possibility of war, the President said:

"Some people would have us believe that war is inevitable between the nations which are devoted to our concept of international organization and the concept which now bears the name of Communism. This is not the case."

"I am optimistic about the outlook toward the future because I believe in the special attraction for men's minds and hearts of the democratic people, which have been tried and tested in free nations, and which are now

winning the allegiance of men throughout the world.

More Appealing Faith

"In the battle for men's minds, our faith is more appealing, more dynamic, and stronger than any totalitarian force. The world longs for the wind of tolerance and mutual adjustment, which is represented by democratic principles."

The President said that those who rule by arbitrary power in other nations do not understand the slow processes by which United States foreign policy is formed and do not realize the strength behind it.

It is strong, he said, because American foreign policy decisions are the decisions of the people and not of the Government alone.

That was true of the decision to back the United Nations and to launch the European Recovery Programme, Mr. Truman said. He predicted that the North Atlantic Security Alliance will be ratified because, he said, it also has the support of the people. The U. S. Senate is to vote on Thursday on this treaty linking the United States and free Western European nations in an alliance.

Challenge To Tyranny

Mr. Truman said: "The United States always has been a challenge to tyranny of any kind, and we are such a challenge today."

"The world is tired of political fanaticism," he went on. "It is weary of the lies, propaganda and hysteria created by dictatorships. It is disgusted by the practice of torture and political assassination. It is sick of the kind of political allegiance which is inspired solely by fear."

He went on to say: "The peoples of the world look to the United States for the leadership of this great crusade for peace. We have not taken up this task lightly, and we will not lay it down."

"We must go resolutely forward, step by step toward the creation of a world in which we, and all people, can live and prosper in peace."

Mr. Truman said Americans have extended help and friend-

Suez Canal Restrictions Now Lifted

Alexandria, July 19.

The Egyptian Government has lifted all restrictions regarding the search of foreign vessels in Egyptian territorial waters. Immediately when the Palestine fighting began in 1948, port officials announced today.

However, it is understood that the shipping authorities will retain the right to halt and search ships travelling in the Suez Canal if suspicion exists that the ship's papers are in order.

British and other flag ships have been stopped at Port Said recently to be searched for merchandise consigned to Israel.—United Press.

There persists in this country, he said, a sincere feeling of friendship and sympathy for the people who have been cut off from normal contacts with America.

The principle of mutual respect and voluntary agreement, the President said, is essential to the creation of a strong world organization for maintaining just peace.

He added: "This is the principle on which the United Nations is based."

"The United Nations is designed to give every nation a share in forming decisions on world issues. Such an organization will have its difficulties."

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COMMONS STATEMENT ON STERLING FUNDS

London, July 19.

Mr. Douglas Jay, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, denied in Parliament today that only £200,000,000 of £300,000,000 of India's sterling balances in Britain remain to be repaid.

Mr. Thomas Reid, Labour, had asked how Britain's debt to India of about £1,200,000,000 contracted during the war in the defence, inter alia, of the Commonwealth and Empire had been liquidated to date.

He also asked if Britain alone, by unrequited exports, or otherwise, had borne the cost of liquidation to date.

Mr. Jay replied: "Financial talks with the Government of India are at present in progress and we expect to make a statement when they are concluded."

Mr. Oliver, Conservative, asked: "What is the proportion of this debt, which is now being liquidated, is it true that out of £1,200,000,000 only some two or three hundred million pounds remain to be repaid?"

Mr. Jay replied: "No, that is not true, but the Chancellor of the Exchequer thinks it best to give full details when these talks are concluded."

Mr. Oliver Stanley, Conservative, asked whether the talks submitted on the contract settlement of the whole problem or dealt merely with another interim release of some of the balances.

Mr. Jay said that the talks were mainly devoted to another interim period.

Mr. Alfred Edwards, Independent Labour, asked: "Are there still any accounts to be submitted on the contract for services rendered during the same period? Have they been taken into consideration?"

Mr. Jay replied: "If you are speaking of the counter-claims by Britain they were settled in the agreement made last year."

Mr. Richard Stokes, Labour, asked: "Will you ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer to consider sending to the Indian Government a bill for the Indian Government for saving India from the Japanese?"

There was no reply.

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DANGER TO PI BUSINESS

Manila, July 19.

Gil Puyat, President of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce, is quoted today by the "Manila Times" as saying that Filipino businessmen see in the proposed Pacific union danger of tightening of the Chinese grip on Philippine commerce and industry and consequent worsening in the position of Filipino businessmen.

"The Times" said that while Mr. Puyat praised as welcome and desirable any understanding that would bring the Pacific countries closer, he fears "an alliance itself may lead us into complications."

"It would not be in keeping with the spirit of the proposed alliance if we should deny Chiang Kai-shek judgment for his Government in this country if he should find his position in Taiwan untenable. When that situation develops, then this country would be a justifiable target for Communist attack by more insidious infiltration."

According to the "Times", Mr. Puyat called attention to the "present" conditions in which our trade and commerce do not reside in the hands of our people, which he attributed "in great measure to the competition and subsequent dominance of Chinese in our trade and commerce."

"This dominance is as true and real in other countries where Chinese have emigrated in numbers—Singapore and Malaya."

"It is little wonder, therefore, that Filipino businessmen see in the proposed alliance a worsening of their position and tightening grip on our commerce and trade by the Chinese who, when this alliance is signed, may come in greater numbers, and with them, their financial resources."

Mr. Puyat added, however, that Chinese capital should be welcome if invested in non-competitive fields such as purchase of Philippine Government bonds.

United Press.

REPORTERS' 'CONFESSION'

Seoul, July 19.

The South Korean police authorities said today that five arrested Korean reporters have confessed to being secret agents for the South Korean Labour Party, which has been labelled as being "Communist" by the South Korean Government.

A United Nations Commission for Korea source commented: "They are no more Communists than we are."

The five men were arrested together with another Korean reporter on Saturday on suspicion of being Communists.—Reuter.

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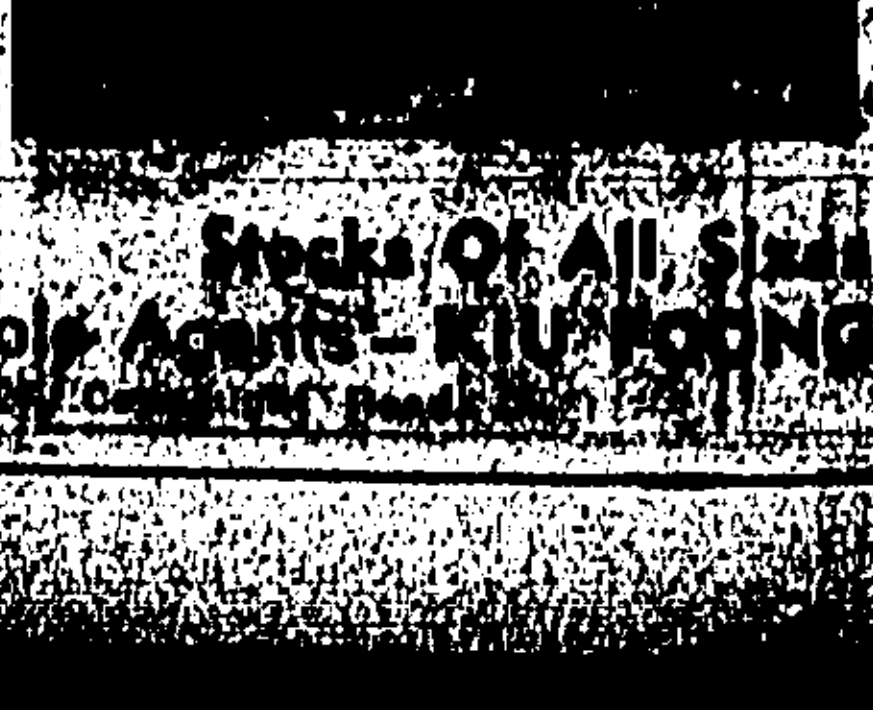
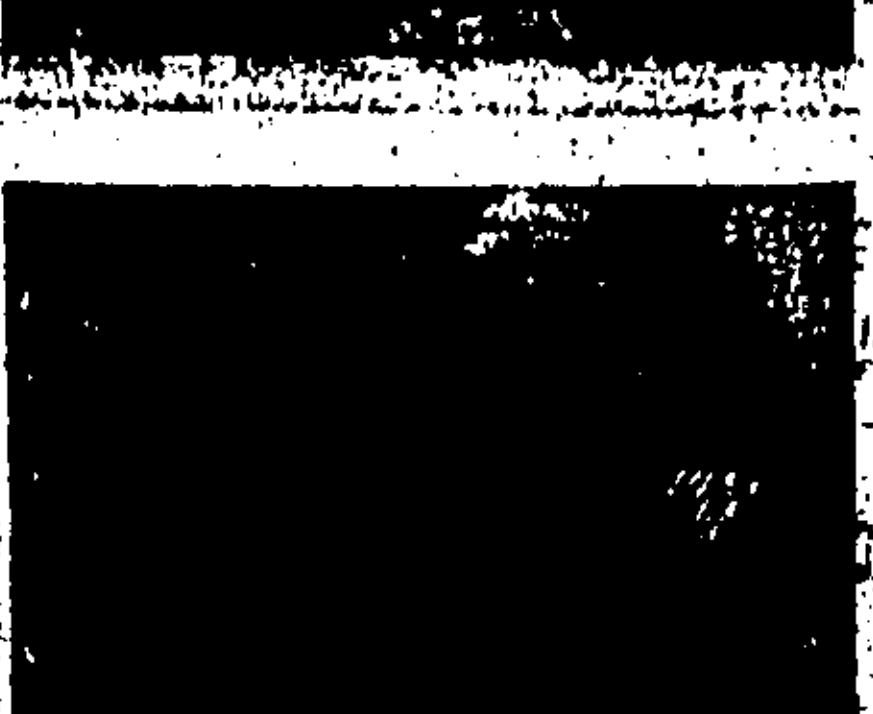
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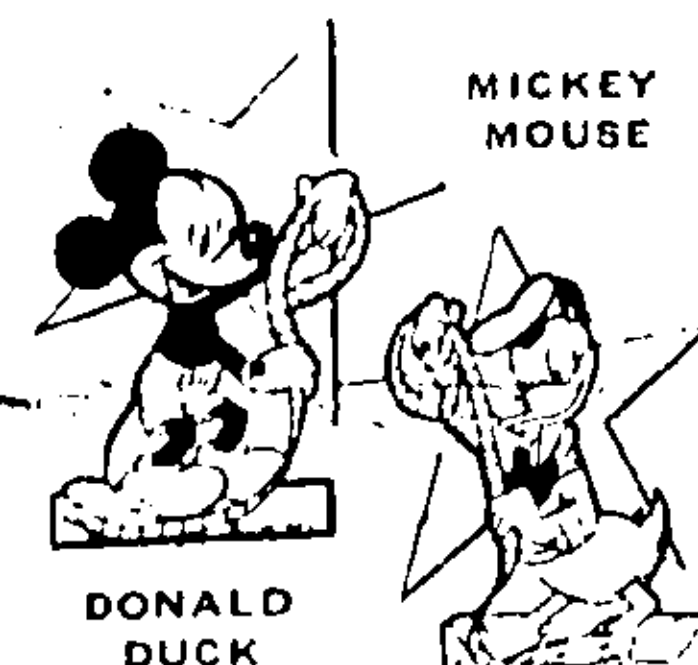
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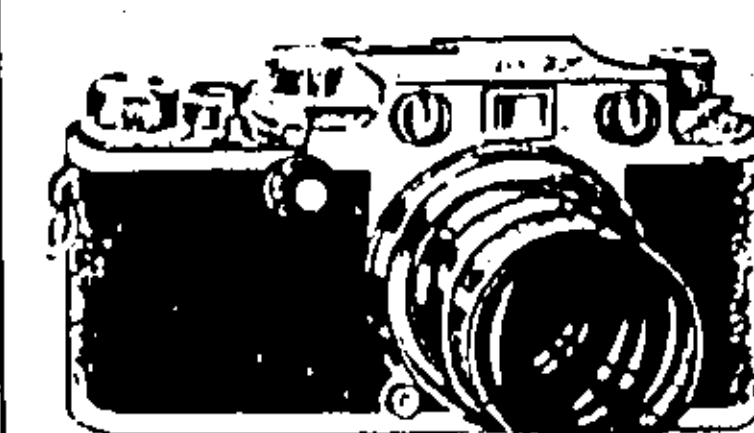
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SETTING UP OF CO-OPERATIVES IN JAPAN FISHERIES

Tokyo, July 20.

Despite the opposition of the "old guard" and anti-Democratic subversive groups, Japanese fishing villages are becoming Democratised, a SCAP official said today.

Harry W. Yoe, head of the Economics Branch, Fisheries Division of SCAP's Natural Resources Section, spoke to a news conference today.

STOCK OF COAL A DANGER

Tokyo, July 20.

Coal stockpiles throughout Japan are taking storage facilities and increasing the danger of spontaneous combustion fires under the hot summer sun, J. R. Allison of the Industry Division of SCAP's Economic and Scientific Services section said.

Storage of some coal under water is likely.

In a report from Moji, port on Kyushu Island, Kyodo said the Kyushu Maritime Bureau stated that coal stockpiles exceed 3,700,000 metric tons. Kyodo said 22,000 metric tons at Hiroshi Kofuku will be thrown into the sea as a safety measure.

Mr. Allison said the coal will not be lost and will be removed later when danger of ignition by the hot sun is over.

He said: "Because of its quality, Japanese coal oxidizes very rapidly and is susceptible to spontaneous combustion."

However, he indicated that the Kyushu report of Japan coal on hand is too high.

Kyodo said the Kyushu Marine Bureau has been advised that 25 coal boats totaling 30,000 tons now are held up in Osaka Bay with coal cargoes unable to unload because yards of the Hanshin district are filled.

Similar conditions are reported from other main Kyushu ports.—Associated Press.

Talks On Austrian Treaty

London, July 19.

Britain today urged that Austria should pay compensation to United Nations nationals who had suffered loss as a result of the transfer by Austria of oil and shipping assets to the Soviet Union.

Mr. George Zarubin, the Soviet delegate, rejected the proposal, which was made by Mr. Ivor Mallet, when the Big Four Foreign Ministers' deputies met here to discuss the Austrian State Treaty.

Britain has not bothered to take into account whether Austria is capable of paying, he said. Britain also proposed that Austria should eliminate, with possible exceptions, all German ownership or control over the assets, to be returned by Russia on payment of an agreed sum. Russia also rejected a proposal that former German locomotives and rolling stock should be included in the assets to be returned to Austria by Russia.—Reuter.

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CABINET CRIPPLED THROUGH ILLNESS OF TWO MINISTERS

London, July 19.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and the Economic Chief, Sir Stafford Cripps, are absent from their posts because of illness tonight, crippling Britain's crisis burdened Labour Cabinet.

The Foreign Office, in a surprise announcement, said that Mr. Bevin, who is 68, will leave at the end of the week for some undisclosed health resort in Europe to rest.

Diplomatic officials report that the Foreign Secretary's long-standing heart and high blood pressure condition has worsened and his doctors have ordered him to stop work at once.

Mr. Bevin, they say, will go to Evian, Switzerland, a watering place on the Lake of Geneva.

Meanwhile, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, flew to Zurich today for six weeks' treatment for colitis, an internal ailment.

Arriving at the "Living Strength" clinic, Sir Stafford immediately asked not to be disturbed by newsmen.

Thus, two strong men of the Labour Cabinet will be out of the country for several weeks during a two-way national emergency—the continuing drain on Britain's dollar pool and a Labour dispute that has disrupted shipping in the London docks for 23 days.

No Surprise

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is taking over the main responsibility for the Treasury in Sir Stafford's absence.

Visible Signs

Mr. Bevin is the only surviving member of the original For-



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ign Ministers' Council that began work at Potsdam in 1945. Mr. Bevin showed visible signs of physical strain when he spoke in a Commons economic affairs debate on Monday.

His personal physician, Alexander McCall, watched him as he spoke.

Mr. Bevin's friends said too that Sir Alexander treated him before that speech. They noted that in the course of address the Commons, he stopped at a point and slipped a capsule into his mouth.—Associated Press.

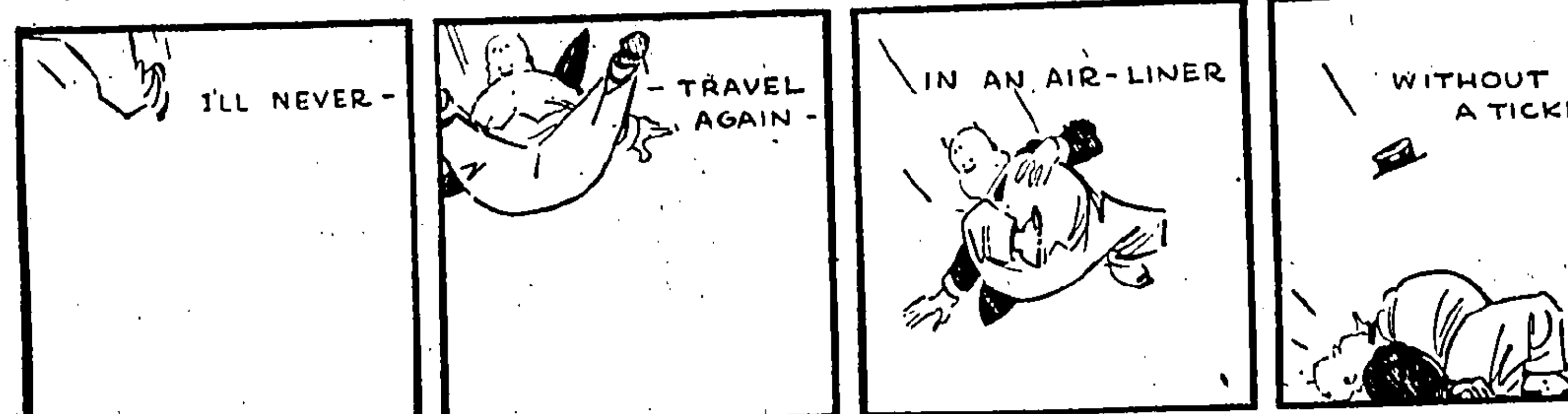
MORE TINPLATE

Washington, July 20.

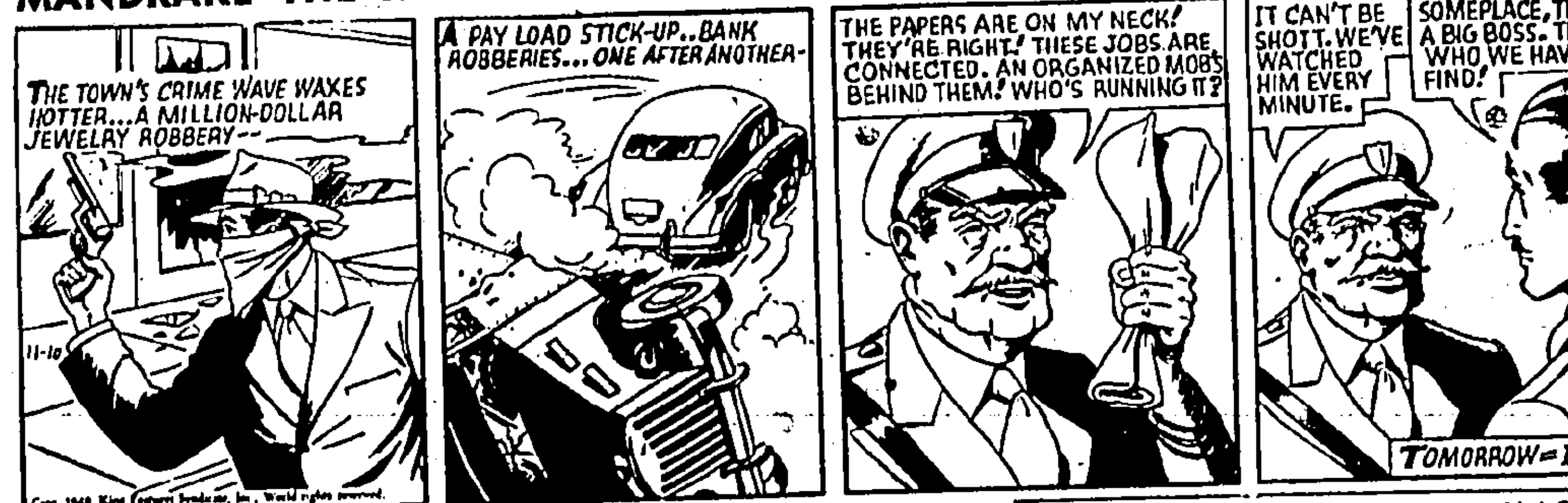
The United States produced seven per cent more tin plate and tinplate in 1948 than in 1947, but consumed only two per cent more tin, the Bureau of Mines said.

This difference is accounted for by wider use of electrolytic plate which requires less tin than older methods of tinplating. The content of tin plate manufactured during 1948 was 31,503 tons, tinplate, 672 tons.—Associated Press.

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